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RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF MEETING

May 22, 2003

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8 BERT BOWERS - New World Technology
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1 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, May 22, 2003
2 6:03 P.M.

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4 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right. Let's see. Hi.
5 Today is Thursday, May 22, and we're getting started
6 with the Hunters Point Restoration Advisory Board, RAB,
7 meeting. Okay?

8 First let's do introductions as we already --
9 always do. I'm Marsha Pendergrass.

10 MR. TISDELL: Come to the meeting, please.

11 ATTENDEE: Thank you.

12 MR. TISDELL: You're welcome.

13 MS. HARRISON: I guess we heard that.

14 MS. PENDERGRASS: So if we can start with
15 introductions, let's start to my left here.

16 MR. L. BROWN: Lynne Brown, co-chair.

17 MS. RINES: Melita Rines, RAB, India Basin
18 Neighborhood Association.

19 MS. WASHINGTON: Caroline Washington, RAB.

20 MR. MASON: Jesse Mason, Bayview-Hunters Point
21 Community Advocates.

22 MS. LOIZOS: Lea Loizos, Arc Ecology.

23 MR. CAMPBELL: Maurice Campbell, CFC.

24 MS. LUTTON: Kevyn Lutton, CFC.

25 MR. KEICHLINE: Ronald Keichline, I.T.S.I.,

1 community relations.

2 MS. MOORE: Debra Moore, I.T.S.I. community
3 relations.

4 MS. JORGENSEN-RISK: Joni Jorgensen-Risk,
5 I.T.S.I. community relations.

6 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay.

7 MR. TISDELL: Keith Tisdell, RAB member.

8 MS. JACKSON: Helen Jackson, RAB member.

9 MR. MALOOF: Quijuan Maloof, Pendergrass &
10 Associates.

11 MS. BROWNELL: Amy Brownell, San Francisco
12 Health Department.

13 MR. KAO: Chein Kao, State Department of Toxic
14 Substances Control, DTSC.

15 MS. MENACK: Julie Menack, San Francisco Bay
16 Regional Water Quality Control Board.

17 MS. BUSHNELL: Barbara Bushnell, RAB member,
18 ROSES, president of the Homeowners Association Facility
19 Care.

20 MS. PENDERGRASS: Mr. Manuel?

21 MR. MANUEL: Oh. J. R. Manuel. I'm for the
22 court reporter today.

23 MR. DACUS: Charles L. Dacus, Sr., member of
24 ROSES and also member of RAB.

25 MR. WORK: Michael Work with the U.S. EPA.

1 MS. WRIGHT: Leilani Wright, RAB member.

2 MS. HASEGAWA: Mitsuyo Hasegawa, RAB member.

3 MR. OFFENHAUER: Marty Offenhauer, Navy.

4 MR. DeMARS: David DeMars, Lead Project Manager
5 for the Navy.

6 MR. FORMAN: Keith Forman, Navy RAB co-chair
7 and your BRAC Environmental Coordinator.

8 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. And before we go to
9 community introductions, can I invite every RAB member
10 to come to the table, please? And there should only be
11 RAB members at the table and regulatory agencies. Thank
12 you.

13 All right. We have another RAB member that
14 just stepped to the table. No?

15 Okay. We'll start over here with
16 introductions. Please continue, talking loudly and
17 slowly so we catch it on tape.

18 MS. APTE: Anagha Apte, Immigrant Legal
19 Resource Center.

20 MS. PENDERGRASS: Say it again.

21 MS. APTE: Anagha Apte, Immigrant Legal
22 Resource Center.

23 MS. PENDERGRASS: Ana?

24 MS. APTE: Anagha.

25 MS. PENDERGRASS: "AWNuhga" [phonetic]?

1 MS. APTE: Mm-hmm.

2 MS. PENDERGRASS: How do you spell that --

3 MS. APTE: -- A-p-t-e.

4 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. Thank you.

5 MS. YOW: Stefanie Yow, Congresswoman Nancy
6 Pelosi's office.

7 MS. PENDERGRASS: Stefanie Yow from Nancy
8 Pelosi's office.

9 MS. CLARK: Deborah Clark, Katz & Associates.

10 MS. PENDERGRASS: Yes, sir.

11 MR. BOWERS: Bert Bowers, New World Technology.

12 MS. PENDERGRASS: Yes, ma'am.

13 MS. SANTANA: Deborah Santana, Mills College.

14 MS. PENDERGRASS: Did you get that?

15 THE REPORTER: Some college.

16 MS. PENDERGRASS: Which college?

17 MS. SANTANA: Mills.

18 MS. PENDERGRASS: Mills College, okay.

19 Yes, sir.

20 MR. PARDINI: Chuck Pardini, Levine-Fricke.

21 MS. PENDERGRASS: Yes, sir.

22 MR. DeLONG: Daryl DeLong, New World
23 Technology.

24 MR. HOCKER: Bob Hocker, Lennar-BVHP team.

25 DR. DOREMUS: Steve Doremus, Navy Radiological

1 Affairs Support Office.

2 MS. PENDERGRASS: Yes, sir, and let's start
3 over here with community, please.

4 Yes, sir.

5 MR. ROBINSON: Dennis Robinson, Shaw
6 Environmental.

7 MS. PENDERGRASS: Yes, ma'am.

8 MS. P. BROWN: Patricia Brown, Shipyard artist.

9 MS. PENDERGRASS: Can you say that again?

10 MS. P. BROWN: Patricia Brown.

11 MS. PENDERGRASS: Patricia Brown.

12 Yes, ma'am.

13 MS. DIVINE: Peg Divine, San Francisco De- --

14 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry?

15 MS. DIVINE: -- -partment of Public Works.

16 MS. PENDERGRASS: Pat Divine.

17 MS. DIVINE: Peg.

18 MS. PENDERGRASS: Peg Divine. Thank you so
19 much.

20 MS. HORSFALL: Susan Horsfall, Lennar-BVHP.

21 MS. PENDERGRASS: Did you get that? Which one
22 did you leave off on?

23 Okay, over here.

24 MS. HUNTER: Carolyn Hunter, Tetra Tech.

25 MR. ACHARYA: Arvind Acharya, I.T.S.I.

1 MR. NIENOW: Dan Nienow, Anchor Fence.

2 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right.

3 MR. ROADY: Dave Roady, Veridian Corporation.

4 MS. PENDERGRASS: Which corporation?

5 MR. ROADY: Veridian.

6 MS. PENDERGRASS: Veridian? Okay.

7 Yes, sir?

8 MR. GELS: Gerry Gels, Veridian Corporation.

9 MR. STROGANOFF: Peter Stroganoff with the

10 Navy.

11 MS. PENDERGRASS: Peter Stroganoff.

12 Any other RAB members that we didn't catch on

13 the table?

14 Sir, you're not a RAB member, so --

15 MR. DA COSTA: I'm -- I'm sitting for Ahimsa.

16 Is that okay?

17 MR. TISDELL: He's sitting in for Ahimsa.

18 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. Very fine. Just need

19 you to identify yourself, sir.

20 MR. DA COSTA: Francisco Da Costa,

21 Environmental Justice Advocacy.

22 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. Yes, ma'am.

23 MR. ASHER: Lani Asher, Shipyard artist.

24 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay.

25 MS. HARRISON: I guess that leaves me, huh.

1 Marie Harrison, SAN FRANCISCO BAYVIEW NEWSPAPER and
2 Greenaction.

3 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay.

4 Is there anybody else that we missed?

5 Yes, ma'am.

6 MS. OLIVA: Georgia Oliva, CBE, Shipyard
7 artist.

8 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay.

9 And yes, sir.

10 MR. BIELSKIS: Doug Bielskis, Tetra Tech.

11 MS. PENDERGRASS: All rightie, then. Got
12 everybody today.

13 Let's move on to approval of the minutes. Has
14 everybody had a chance to review the minutes from
15 April 24th RAB meeting?

16 MR. L. BROWN: Okay. I make a motion that we
17 accept the minutes from last month.

18 MR. DACUS: Second that motion.

19 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. Any discussion prior
20 to the vote on that?

21 Okay. All in favor?

22 THE BOARD: Aye.

23 MS. PENDERGRASS: Any opposed? Any
24 abstentions?

25 So we do have approved minutes from the

1 April 24th RAB meeting.

2 Okay. Let's just follow up on action items to
3 make sure that we're in the right place.

4 Carry-over items, we didn't have any last time,
5 but we did have a couple new items: "New World
6 Technologies and Foster Wheeler to report to Lynne Brown
7 regarding radiological remediation and survey
8 information." And that was due today.

9 Mr. Mason?

10 Or Lynne. Lynne, were you handling that?

11 MR. L. BROWN: Well --

12 MS. PENDERGRASS: Did that happen?

13 MR. L. BROWN: I asked for the -- where did --
14 where was the -- remove the radiological material from?
15 Where did the \$31 million radiological remediation
16 happen at?

17 MS. PENDERGRASS: So who did you direct this
18 to?

19 MR. L. BROWN: Daryl DeLong.

20 MS. PENDERGRASS: Daryl DeLong.

21 MR. DeLONG: What's that?

22 MR. L. BROWN: The \$31 million worth of
23 radiological remediation, I asked where was that taken
24 place at in the Shipyard with Foster Wheeler.

25 MR. DeLONG: I have no idea.

1 MR. L. BROWN: Okay.

2 MR. DeMARS: To answer your question, that
3 \$31 million was just awarded to Foster Wheeler, so that
4 work hasn't been done yet.

5 MR. L. BROWN: Okay.

6 MR. FORMAN: So it's a contract with a capacity
7 for \$31 million.

8 MR. L. BROWN: Right.

9 MR. FORMAN: It hasn't had work put on against
10 it.

11 MR. L. BROWN: The whole total is 41 million.

12 MR. DeMARS: Foster Wheeler is 31 million.

13 MR. L. BROWN: Okay.

14 MR. DeMARS: They are still coming out with
15 what projects to put against that contract.

16 MR. L. BROWN: Thirty-one million for radi- --
17 radiological remediation --

18 MR. FORMAN: Correct.

19 MR. L. BROWN: -- and radiological survey.

20 MR. FORMAN: Yes.

21 MR. DeMARS: Yes.

22 MS. PENDERGRASS: So are you satisfied that you
23 got the information that you needed?

24 MR. L. BROWN: Right.

25 MS. PENDERGRASS: Thank you. All right.

1 "RASO to provide air monitoring results for
2 Building 253 rooftop scraping."

3 MR. FORMAN: I believe Dr. Doremus is here
4 tonight, and he'll be addressing 253 is still a part of
5 an ongoing study, so it's not done yet.

6 MS. PENDERGRASS: And I would suggest in the
7 future we need to put a person with these action items
8 instead of just the organization so that we make sure
9 that it gets that person to follow up. Is that all
10 right?

11 All right, then. Let's move into
12 announcements. Start with the Navy.

13 MR. FORMAN: Okay. Got a couple of things to
14 announce. The Community Relations Plan, known as the
15 CRP, we are about ready to release that in the next
16 month.

17 Where is Carolyn Hunter? Hi. Carolyn, do you
18 have an exact date? I don't remember --

19 MS. HUNTER: June 6th.

20 MR. FORMAN: June 6th?

21 MS. HUNTER: Uh-huh, it goes out draft.

22 MR. FORMAN: Okay. All right. So June 6th it
23 will be coming out draft.

24 Now, if you remember where we left this, the
25 Community Relations Plan is something that you, the RAB

1 members, wanted us to update. But in updating it, to
2 really do something new and improved, not to do a
3 standard effort, but to really put a lot of energy into
4 this, we have done that internally. And Carolyn
5 Hunter's been working hard on that, and she's given you
6 some updates.

7 The next step is: You're going to have a new
8 draft Community Relations Plan to look at. Now, there
9 was an ad hoc --

10 (Telephonic interruption.)

11 MR. FORMAN: There was an Ad Hoc Subcommittee
12 created for that, the CRP Subcommittee.

13 And what I've asked -- Lynne, we'll get
14 together with Carolyn tonight, and we need to have
15 another CRP Subcommittee meeting to get that group
16 together that are invested in this document.

17 And, of course, if you haven't been yet,
18 anybody that wants to is invited. But this is an
19 important document for everybody: the community, the
20 Navy, and you, the RAB members, and the stakeholders.

21 So I want to drum up support for that because
22 we need to have a good turnout at the CRP Subcommittee
23 meeting. We will probably set that date later on
24 tonight.

25 Okay. In addition to that, we finished on

1 Parcel A, the western portion of Parcel A. We finished
2 with the firebreak today. The firebreak consists of
3 mowing and weeding the hillside to a 50-foot firebreak
4 for the summer, and that's been finished.

5 Also, we've been doing maintenance out at the
6 landfill area. You might notice that the landfill has a
7 haircut now, and the green grass is still fairly green,
8 but we did mow it down and prepare it for the summer.
9 And that's part of the efforts that we said that we
10 would report back to you when we were done. Okay.

11 In addition to that, on the Community
12 Notification Plan, I have -- I have brought Dan Nienow
13 here. You might have recalled that you got a Community
14 Notification Plan update from us on a small fire that
15 occurred on Hunters Point.

16 I have the man who's associated with that, and
17 he's going to be available during the break. I didn't
18 want to spend too much time on the agenda, but he can be
19 here to help explain the details if you have any
20 questions after reading the Community Notification Plan.

21 It was a very small fire. It got started in
22 association with our fencing project that we'd done,
23 again, an initiative that started with some ideas from
24 some of the RAB members. And while they were out there,
25 a small fire was created when they were doing some

1 cutting.

2 Dan is going to be here and so am I. If,
3 during the break, or after the RAB, you want to talk to
4 either I or both of us on that subject, just let either
5 one of us know.

6 Dan, could you stand up so that they could all
7 see you? Great. Thanks.

8 MS. PENDERGRASS: Mr. Tisdell.

9 MR. TISDELL: I have a question to ask Keith.
10 Keith, don't take this personally.

11 MR. FORMAN: Okay.

12 MR. TISDELL: That fire that happened, it was
13 nobody out there working. I seen it. There was nobody
14 out there.

15 Chief Tony came. Everybody -- The -- the
16 Hunters Point Fire Department left out their fire
17 station with -- with lights and no siren.

18 San Francisco, the station over here on
19 Shafter, ran sirens all the way till they got to the
20 Shipyard and then cut them off when they stopped in the
21 Shipyard with no lights.

22 But the thing about it of it is, okay, when you
23 had to take some of the RAB members on a tour here at
24 Parcel E, you say there was no smoking. Why would there
25 be anyone working near Parcel E with a torch so-called

1 building a fence? Which they wasn't. There was nobody
2 there; I hate to say it.

3 But, you know, as -- you know, as I show you
4 before, I can walk out and just walk on the parking lot
5 to see everything happens on the Shipyard --

6 MR. FORMAN: No, I understand that.

7 MR. TISDELL: -- you know, and --

8 MR. FORMAN: Well, the reason why you'd be
9 doing some cutting of some projects that require
10 building things or repairing things require what they
11 call hot work with torches.

12 And to do that, you have to get a hot work
13 permit. There's a process for doing that. But anywhere
14 on the Shipyard where you have to do something like
15 that, you have to get a permit, and that's part of what
16 they had to do.

17 But did you want Dan to address that now, or do
18 you want --?

19 MR. TISDELL: You know, I -- I think it's
20 very -- you know, I think it's important because the
21 fire and the smoke came up towards where I stay, and I'm
22 already devastated with -- with some stuff from the
23 Shipyard, you know.

24 I think this take precedence over everything
25 else involving the community because it's involving the

1 community health.

2 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. Mr. Tisdell, the
3 process for getting that on the agenda is --

4 MR. TISDELL: I make a motion that we -- that
5 we hear from this person --

6 MS. PENDERGRASS: Well --

7 MR. TISDELL: -- concerning the Shipyard fire.

8 MR. MASON: I second.

9 MS. LUTTON: I second that.

10 MS. HARRISON: Call for the question.

11 MS. PENDERGRASS: We can certainly put this in
12 the agenda if there is a portion -- a part in the agenda
13 a thought to put this on for new business. So I would
14 suggest we do that so that we don't lose track on the
15 agenda.

16 However, if you want to hear from this right
17 now, that's on the table.

18 How would you all like to do that? Let's -- I
19 heard a motion from Mr. Tisdell.

20 MS. HARRISON: I second.

21 MS. PENDERGRASS: Did I hear second? Okay.

22 MS. HARRISON: Yes. I did.

23 MR. MANUEL: I'd like to make a --

24 MS. PENDERGRASS: Some discussion?

25 MR. MANUEL: Well, I'd like to make an offer of

1 a friendly amendment, because if in fact this is going
2 to throw us off and a lot of people here may have other
3 things to do and whatever; and if we can make sure --
4 wait, wait a minute, Keith -- make sure it's addressed
5 before we leave here fully to his satisfact- -- I don't
6 blame him, but fully to his satisfaction, then hopefully
7 that would be acceptable to him.

8 And that way we -- we don't get to get
9 sidetracked and end up goofing off our whole agenda,
10 because there may be other things on there that people
11 want to deal with as well.

12 MR. TISDELL: I don't accept it.

13 MR. MANUEL: Okay.

14 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. So we do have amend --
15 an amend -- a motion on the floor with no amendment. An
16 amendment did not pass. And this -- there's still
17 discussion open.

18 Mr. Mason?

19 MR. MASON: Well, Keith, I, for one, know that
20 it's very important that we find out what's going on
21 with our health and what's significant.

22 But we do have an agenda, and I -- and -- and
23 I'm -- and I'm asking that, you know, we allot at least
24 five minutes within our agenda to talk about your issue,
25 but I think that we need to keep the agenda the way it

1 is so that we talk about what we already discussed
2 without throwing anything off.

3 So if we can get five minutes in the agenda,
4 you know, to discuss Keith's problem or the community's
5 problem, you know, I would ask for that.

6 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. We have had some
7 discussion.

8 MR. TISDELL: No.

9 MS. PENDERGRASS: Now that we have had the
10 discussion, we still have the motion on the floor that
11 is to stop the meeting at this point and change the
12 agenda to have question and answers from Mr. Dan . . .

13 MR. FORMAN: Nienow.

14 MS. PENDERGRASS: . . . Nienow right now.

15 All in favor of that motion, say, "Aye."

16 THE BOARD: Aye.

17 MS. PENDERGRASS: One, two, three, four, five.

18 So we have five --

19 MR. TISDELL: Six. That's six right here.

20 MR. KEICHLINE: Everybody raise their hands
21 high when you do this.

22 (Board members raise their hands.)

23 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. One, two, three, four,
24 five, six, seven, eight. Okay.

25 And those opposed?

1 (Board members raise their hands.)

2 MS. PENDERGRASS: One, two, three, four, five.

3 Five opposed? The ayes have it. So let's go ahead with

4 that, and we have five minutes to do that. Oh, we

5 didn't say five minutes to do this. That wasn't part of

6 it.

7 So Mr. Nienow, could you come forward, please?

8 MR. NIENOW: Sure.

9 MS. PENDERGRASS: Thank you. All right.

10 Mr. Tisdell, would you like to ask the first

11 question?

12 MR. TISDELL: Yeah.

13 MR. FORMAN: I think, in all fairness, why

14 don't you let --? As I explained, why don't you let

15 Mr. Nienow speak, and he will say -- tell you what he

16 believes happened, and then -- and then, yeah, you can

17 ask questions after he's done?

18 MR. TISDELL: I have no problem with that.

19 MS. PENDERGRASS: Can he have the microphone?

20 Thank you.

21 MR. NIENOW: Again, my name is -- how's that?

22 Is that --? Okay.

23 MS. PENDERGRASS: Just talk loudly.

24 MR. NIENOW: I'll just talk loudly.

25 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay.

1 MR. NIENOW: I'm the manager of Anchor Fence
2 Company, and we have been doing work for I.T.S.I. as a
3 subcontractor on Hunters Point. We're down to the last
4 phase of our work, which is about a thousand feet of
5 fence on Parcel E just inside the gate.

6 We were working out there last Wednesday, and
7 we were moving some old posts, and we have been doing
8 this on the side as using a cutting torch to cut them
9 off so we can get them as close to the ground as we can
10 so there's no trip hazard, okay.

11 And what had happened with this one post they
12 were cutting off, which is the third post on the job
13 that morning, they were cutting the post. There was
14 some slag or some sludge inside of the post, and the
15 torch popped.

16 When it popped, a hot piece of steel went
17 rolling off to the side into some weeds, or what we call
18 licorice root. That licorice root started on fire.

19 A guy -- We had a fire watch, which was the
20 foreman on the site. The foreman used two fire
21 extinguishers to try to put it out. He couldn't get it
22 out because the licorice root is really entwined. So he
23 couldn't get it out right away.

24 Went to the trailer, contacted I.T.S.I.,
25 grabbed some water, went to the fire department on base.

1 The fire department -- no one was there.

2 By that time, San Francisco Fire Department was
3 coming out. They met him back at the site. They
4 continued to put the fire out and finished putting it
5 out. Probably in about twenty minutes the fire was out.
6 It burned an area approximately -- about the size of
7 these tables here. That's about all that's burned out
8 there.

9 It's an incident we always try to avoid, but it
10 happened. And it's just one of those things that
11 happened. We put --

12 Yes.

13 MS. HARRISON: [Unintelligible] . . . make sure
14 that . . . [unintelligible].

15 THE REPORTER: What was that?

16 MR. NIENOW: I put a plan into action to stop
17 all further hot work out there. We will use a band saw
18 to cut everything off. We'll drive the posts down if
19 they are in the way as a trip hazard. That way there's
20 no more hot work to be done out there.

21 MS. PENDERGRASS: Mr. Nienow, can you just give
22 us the date and time we're talking about to make sure we
23 are talking about the right --?

24 MR. NIENOW: It was May 15th and approximately
25 9 o'clock.

1 MS. PENDERGRASS: P.M. or --?

2 MR. NIENOW: A --

3 MR. TISDELL: A.M.

4 MS. PENDERGRASS: Ms. Harrison had a question
5 and then Ms. Oliva.

6 MS. HARRISON: Well, clarification. You said
7 that you went to the fire -- you -- your person went to
8 the fire department on the base, and there was nobody
9 there?

10 MR. NIENOW: No one answered. He yelled inside

11 to tell them there was a fire. There was no answer.
12 And he went over to I.T.S.I., grabbed the water,
13 informed them; and they called 9-1-1, and that's when
14 San Francisco Fire Department responded.

15 MS. HARRISON: So, Keith, there is no fire
16 department on here for the Navy anymore?

17 MR. FORMAN: No, that's not true.

18 MR. NIENOW: They -- they came out right after
19 that. They came out right after that.

20 MS. HARRISON: Excuse me. Okay. I -- I'm
21 trying to get some clarification here.

22 So there is a fire department for the -- for
23 the Navy?

24 MR. FORMAN: Yes.

25 MS. PENDERGRASS: They just didn't happen to be

1 there at that moment?

2 MR. NIENOW: Right.

3 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay.

4 MR. NIENOW: Correct.

5 MS. PENDERGRASS: Ms. Oliva, you had a
6 question?

7 MS. OLIVA: I was at -- I was in the Shipyard,
8 and I heard -- I saw what was happening 9:30. 9:45 a
9 ambulance -- I guess that's what you call it -- went out
10 to that area. I want to know if anyone was injured.

11 MR. NIENOW: No, ma'am.

12 MS. OLIVA: Then why did they go out there as
13 protocol?

14 MR. NIENOW: I have no idea, ma'am.

15 MS. OLIVA: You have no idea? Did you see the
16 ambulance?

17 MR. NIENOW: I was not on site.

18 MS. OLIVA: Was anyone -- was anyone here that
19 was on site?

20 MR. NIENOW: No, my superintendent is not here.
21 However, I have a written report from him, and he just
22 told me that all who was out there was the San Francisco
23 Fire Department and the base fire department.

24 MS. OLIVA: And the ambulance.

25 MS. PENDERGRASS: Mr. Tisdell?

1 MR. TISDELL: Now, you say the San Francisco
2 Fire Department got there first.

3 MR. NIENOW: Yes.

4 MR. TISDELL: No, they didn't. No, because
5 when the San Francisco Fire -- Lynne called me. When
6 the San Francisco Fire Department got here, the -- that
7 yellow truck from the Navy was already there looking up.
8 And -- and -- and the San Francisco Fire Department gave
9 water -- you know, they did a truck transfer --

10 MR. NIENOW: Correct.

11 MR. TISDELL: -- you know.

12 And I don't have too many questions to ask you
13 particularly because you cannot answer and you wasn't
14 there, per se.

15 But I think it's downright disrespectful of the
16 Navy to bring someone in who wasn't there for eyes on,
17 because who can give accountability? You can't. The
18 Navy can't. You say you wasn't there. You can only go
19 about a report.

20 MR. NIENOW: I understand.

21 MR. FORMAN: Keith, don't -- don't say it was
22 disrespectful. I mean, no one even asked me to do this.
23 I did this on my own initiative to try and clarify it.
24 And Anchor Fencing brought the rep --

25 MR. TISDELL: Mm-hmm.

1 MR. FORMAN: -- who had studied the problem.

2 If you want someone who was actually there,
3 then you can make that request. But there's nothing
4 disrespectful about that.

5 MR. TISDELL: It is, because everyone in the
6 community knew about the fire. They knew about it way
7 before you did --

8 MR. FORMAN: I --

9 MR. TISDELL: -- you know. And you want to
10 have someone here. That's just like, okay, I was the
11 Anchor representative. He was down there working on the
12 Shipyard. Why should --? I can only say what a report
13 says. I can't say, "Well, this, this, this, and this
14 happened."

15 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. All right.
16 Mr. Tisdell, before you -- before -- we need to take --
17 listen to wrap this up. But Mr. Tisdell, I -- I think
18 that you've made it really clear that you would like to
19 get to the bottom and talk to the people about that
20 incident and get to the bottom of exactly what happened,
21 and what's been presented today doesn't really satisfy
22 that.

23 So I would suggest that we make a motion or
24 that a motion be put on for an action item that we have
25 the people involved either come to a subcommittee

1 meeting to talk about it so they can be questioned about
2 that or/and have everyone involved in that incident in
3 one place either at a RAB meeting or a subcommittee
4 meeting.

5 Does anybody have any problem with that type of
6 action?

7 MR. MANUEL: I'd make that motion if that would
8 satisfy Keith.

9 MS. PENDERGRASS: Mr. Mason?

10 MR. MASON: I -- I -- I want to make a
11 statement, and then I would like to say that maybe we
12 should have it at the economic meeting, because
13 actually, you know, [unintelligible] would allow some of
14 the community residents to do some work on the Shipyard
15 too.

16 But let me explain to you what -- what -- what
17 happened, 'cause that morning I got a call that there
18 was -- there was a fire out there. So what I did was
19 went out to the base to find out just exactly what was
20 going on.

21 And as I went through the fence, you know, I
22 saw the air monitor sitting there. So when I talked to
23 the air monitors, they had no -- they was just out there
24 doing the air monitoring.

25 But then I talked to someone else. I'm not

1 going to mention their name. But I talked to someone
2 else, and I said, "What happened out there?" They said,
3 well, Anchor Fence was doing a burning and wondering if
4 they have permit to do the burning.

5 But the information was that we had asked them
6 not to do the burning that morning. And what happened
7 was that, you know, slag caught fire and caught the
8 grass on fire.

9 Now, this is in an area where the methane gas
10 is, you know, being -- yeah, you know, going -- going
11 through its phases, you know. So the community is quite
12 concerned.

13 MS. PENDERGRASS: So it's not there?

14 MR. FORMAN: No, it's a different area.

15 MR. MASON: It's not too far from the area,
16 Keith. It's about 50 feet.

17 MR. OFFENHAUER: More than that.

18 MR. MASON: More than that?

19 MR. FORMAN: Well, more than that, but that's
20 okay, Jesse.

21 MR. MASON: Okay. It's not -- I'm just trying
22 to give you, you know, what I saw. And -- and -- and so
23 the air -- the air -- the air -- the air people were
24 there.

25 But I understand that there was supposed to be

1 no burning going on. And burning -- the burning
2 happened anyway.

3 So -- but the fire was put out, and it caused
4 some damage to some people -- you know, some concerns to
5 some people. So, you know, I just want to let you know.

6 MR. NIENOW: As far as I can address as far as
7 the burning, what was discussed that morning by my
8 superintendent and -- and I.T.S.I.'s superintendent was
9 that at that point of the morning, which is about 6:30,
10 they were not going to do any burning because the wind
11 was high, okay. It was up to my foreman to determine
12 what the conditions were going to be later, okay.

13 And that's why he decided to burn, because we
14 were to a point where we couldn't continue with our work
15 anymore that day. Our burn permit was getting ready to
16 expire, and he felt the wind was not a condition, okay.
17 And really, it was not the wind that caused this fire.
18 It was the slag rolling underneath. And if it would
19 have been windy, it would have spread a lot quicker, and
20 it didn't.

21 MS. PENDERGRASS: Mr. Brown?

22 MR. L. BROWN: I'd like to make a motion that
23 we continue this at the Tech Committee.

24 MS. RAB MEMBER: Yeah, I second that.

25 MS. HARRISON: Question?

1 MR. MASON: I second that.

2 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right.

3 Yes, ma'am. Is it germane to the motion on the
4 floor?

5 MS. HARRISON: Yeah, it is.

6 I would ask to vote to have that done if in
7 fact it is continued with the people who were actually
8 out there on their job, and I'd like to have -- no.

9 Actually -- no. Actually, I'd like to have her
10 question answered. I'd like to know what was the
11 ambulance doing out there.

12 MS. PENDERGRASS: Well, we'll address that
13 at --

14 MS. HARRISON: Oh, I just wanted that part of
15 the --

16 MS. PENDERGRASS: Yes, ma'am.

17 MS. HARRISON: -- of the conversation so you --
18 just so that you know that we need to find out, one, he
19 said there was an ambulance. People saw the ambulance
20 out there. I had to work all the way downtown. I got
21 four phone calls that said there was a ambulance out
22 there. So I want to know who was hurt.

23 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. Ms. Harrison --

24 MS. HARRISON: If you'll accept that as a
25 friendly amendment that they add that to the --

1 MS. PENDERGRASS: There's no need to amend
2 that. But it -- but -- and you've made it clear that --
3 what you want that to cover.

4 At this point, the motion on the floor is --
5 and I'll repeat that -- is to invite all the concerned
6 parties to a Technical -- Technical Committee meeting,
7 and that meeting we'll let you know before we leave here
8 tonight.

9 I would also suggest that as part of that,
10 that -- that you all kind of make sure that you
11 communicate who exactly to -- to the co-chairs needs to
12 be there.

13 All right. We're going to move for the
14 motion --

15 MR. MASON: I second it.

16 MS. PENDERGRASS: -- move for the vote --

17 Yes, second it.

18 All in favor, say -- raise your hands.

19 (Board members raise their hands.)

20 MS. PENDERGRASS: One, two, three, four, five,
21 six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve thirteen.

22 Okay. Thirteen in favor. Fourteen, actually.

23 And all opposed?

24 MS. BUSHNELL: Abstained.

25 MS. PENDERGRASS: And one abstention.

1 All right. That happens and that will be on --
2 that will be an action item to make sure that's on our
3 agenda for next time. It's an action item that we'll
4 follow up at the Technical Subcommittee to make sure
5 that that happens, okay?

6 All right. We'll continue on with our agenda
7 at this point. We're into the radiological program
8 update.

9 Oh, I'm sorry. Did I miss you?

10 MR. L. BROWN: Yeah.

11 MS. PENDERGRASS: I am so sorry.

12 MS. RAB MEMBER: Back that up.

13 MR. L. BROWN: Tonight we'll have -- we'll have
14 nominations for the co-chair later on tonight. So . . .

15 MS. PENDERGRASS: At what time? We're going to
16 do it before the subcommittee reports?

17 MR. L. BROWN: Right.

18 MS. PENDERGRASS: We'll talk about that.

19 MR. L. BROWN: Okay.

20 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right.

21 MR. L. BROWN: Yes.

22 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right. Okay.

23 All right. You can introduce Steve.

24 MR. FORMAN: Okay. All right.

25 MS. PENDERGRASS: And can you ask Steve

1 to . . . ?

2 MR. FORMAN: Yes. Back to you.

3 I'm proud to present tonight -- we have got an
4 ongoing series of presentations we're giving you on the
5 radiological issues at Hunters Point.

6 MS. JORGENSEN-RISK: It's not working again
7 [indicating microphone].

8 MR. FORMAN: It's not working again. That's
9 okay. I . . .

10 This is another of the continuing presentations
11 that we are giving on the radiological program because
12 there's so much interest, and a lot has been found out,
13 and we're making a lot of progress. So again, we're
14 having another presentation.

15 We had another fact sheet out, Fact Sheet
16 No. 2, that has come out that many of you should have.
17 And there's also copies in the back if you want another
18 one or if you would like to read it again tonight. This
19 is, again, No. 2. It's going to be in a series of fact
20 sheets as we progress.

21 Tonight we have Dr. Steven Doremus. He's the
22 director of environmental programs, with the
23 Radiological Affairs and Support Office. He works with
24 Laurie Lowman and Dick Lowman. And he's going to give
25 us an update. He's actually going to give you two

1 presentations tonight which will work well into a break.

2 The first one will be an update on the
3 Historical Radiological Assessment and some of the new
4 information we found out, some of which you know already
5 from the fact sheet; but he's going to go into even
6 greater detail upon the request of some of the members.

7 The second presentation is going to be on the
8 Phase V investigations, the continuing surveys and
9 investigations on buildings and structures on Hunters
10 Point. And that will be his second presentation. Okay.

11 If we can all have our attention up to the
12 front of the room, please.

13 And Dr. Doremus.

14 DR. DOREMUS: Thank you. I think I have a
15 booming enough voice. If you can't hear me, just raise
16 your voices.

17 If you have a burning question, go ahead and
18 interrupt. But remember, I might cover it subsequently.
19 So maybe if you'll delay, that would be fine also. But
20 if you really have to stop, go ahead and raise your
21 hand, and I'll try to address your question as I go
22 along.

23 First off, it's really nice to be here. When I
24 left Virginia and it is still cold and nasty there, and
25 I understand you had some of that weather that's been

1 absolutely gorgeous out here. So I really appreciate
2 that, arrived on Monday, and everybody's been raving, I
3 guess. So . . .

4 Secondly, Dick and Laurie do send their best.
5 I -- I'm not here to try to take Laurie's place. I'm
6 the director of the environmental programs. I see
7 all -- oversee all the bases for the Navy.

8 Laurie is our point person, our environmental
9 program manager, for Hunters Point. She knows this base
10 inside and out, eats, drinks, and sleeps it. She has
11 devoted many hours and is working 12 hours a day right
12 now so she can complete the Historical Radiological
13 Assessment on time at the end of this month so it can go
14 out for internal review. We'll look at the timeline in
15 a couple of minutes.

16 So I might not be able to answer all of your
17 questions. I do have New World Technology out here for
18 some assistance, Daryl; and also I believe the EPA is
19 out here, and maybe they can answer some questions for
20 you. So we do have a couple experts standing by to help
21 me.

22 Other than that, Laurie will be back next month
23 with Dick, hopefully. Dick's doing well. Many of
24 you -- He's still battling cancer; and -- but I'll tell
25 you, he's got a card from the RAB on his desk, and I

1 think that helps a lot. So I really appreciate that.

2 First slide, please.

3 Again, my first presentation I'd like to update
4 you on the Historical Radiological Assessment and what
5 is pointed out in the fact sheet some newly discovered
6 information.

7 We assured everybody that as we did our
8 comprehensive research for the Historical Radiological
9 Assessment, if something came up of interest, we would
10 provide that information before August when the HRA is
11 due for the public and for the regulators. And then
12 I'll review after the break maybe if I get ahead of
13 schedule the Phase V investigation where we are right
14 now.

15 Next slide.

16 Biggest thing is, as Laurie has dictated to you
17 all, is our archive review. We were in San Bruno, Las
18 Vegas, Los Alamos, College Park, NRC Region 2. All of
19 our records at RASO we had over the years and also
20 Dr. C. Sharp Cook's records that we have had.

21 We have been all through those records. We
22 have now scanned them, and they are in the radiological
23 database that we created at RASO.

24 Most importantly now -- that was almost
25 completed last month -- is: We have reviewed all of

1 those documents. We have a team working 12 hours a day,
2 as I say. They have reviewed all of those documents in
3 length from 1 to 300 pages, 2,366 of them, and
4 summarized that information; and it is in the database
5 for review.

6 And collectively that can be reviewed,
7 catalogued. We can review it by sites, buildings,
8 contamination, potential events, so that we can get that
9 information collectively in Historical Radiological
10 Assessment.

11 Also in that database we have catalogued
12 753 maps, historical maps, and also 172 past interview
13 summaries.

14 Next slide, please.

15 Speaking of interviews, we have now to our
16 advertisement that's put out received 207 responses.

17 Can you see over there? I'll try to look at my
18 slides.

19 Of those, 162 respondents identified as
20 potential interviewees.

21 So we reached out and tried to touch all of
22 these people. We reached out by telephone initially or
23 e-mail. From that we would deem whether they had some
24 knowledge that we thought was really going to be
25 pertinent to the radiological situations, past and

1 present -- or past at the -- at the base.

2 Of those, 148 were contacted by phone. Of the
3 ones that are missing, the 14, we have tried at least
4 four times minimum to contact those people. So -- and
5 have been unsuccessful. But we are still trying to
6 contact them before the HRA gets published.

7 We decided also during our initial review or
8 interface with these individuals that 27 we felt
9 warranted face-to-face interviews. And to date, 17 are
10 completed.

11 Five more are being completed this week. It
12 should be completed by tomorrow. Of those, the five,
13 four that we would have liked to have done face-to-face
14 interviews, the logistics just got impossible. So what
15 we are going to do is contact them again by phone and
16 have a detailed interview by phone.

17 Unfortunately, I know that you are all
18 interested in Tom Olson being interviewed face to face,
19 and I think he's going to fall in this category right
20 here. We're going to have to try by telephone because
21 we talked to him -- Laurie talked to him at length, I
22 think, for a couple hours on the phone.

23 Since then we subsequently tried to make
24 arrangements with him, but his phone has been
25 disconnected. So we can't get any contact with him for

1 face-to-face interview. But we will continue to try and
2 get in touch with Tom so we can get out there and
3 interview him.

4 Yes, ma'am.

5 MS. ASHER: I mean, I just want to say that I
6 find -- I really hope that you have a chance to
7 interview Tom Olson. It's a little ridiculous that his
8 phone is disconnected. I mean, you guys have had
9 months -- I don't know how many months -- to interview
10 this guy. So hopefully, you'll be successful. Thank
11 you.

12 MR. CAMPBELL: I think we have it.

13 MS. OLIVA: Good.

14 DR. DOREMUS: If you know the telephone number,
15 give it to me, and we'll try again.

16 MS. HARRISON: Can you explain to us by which
17 criteria, you know, that you use to decide who is ready
18 face to face, who didn't have enough information to be
19 included, who did? I mean --

20 DR. DOREMUS: I'm going to defer that -- Dick
21 and Laurie did most of the telephone interviews. They
22 determine by -- We had a questionnaire sheet that we
23 would go down and based on the scoring of that whether
24 they had truly some information about radiological
25 process or operations at the base. I think some of them

1 weren't even aware of exactly what the advertisement was
2 about.

3 So if I can defer that question, I'll have
4 Laurie answer that for you next time when she's out
5 here.

6 MS. PENDERGRASS: Can we hold our questions
7 until the end so we can go through it? Because it may
8 get answered as you go through it.

9 This is an update, right --

10 DR. DOREMUS: Yes.

11 MS. PENDERGRASS: -- to the information?
12 Correct.

13 DR. DOREMUS: So also we have this week
14 reinterviewed Dr. Alpen, and we are trying to
15 reinterview Phil Fong. And he was -- we were trying to
16 contact him again yesterday with the individual out here
17 doing the interviews.

18 Next slide.

19 HRA is on schedule. Okay? Here's our
20 timeline. We are going to finish the HRA this month.
21 That will go out then the beginning of next month for
22 internal Navy review. That will last for one month. It
23 will come back into our shop. The HRA team then will
24 incorporate the Navy comments, and then it will go out
25 for distribution to the regulators and the public in

1 August.

2 Next slide.

3 Newly discovered information. As Keith Forman
4 has said, there was a fact sheet put out. As part of
5 our archival research, we found an event that occurred
6 56 years ago. So we don't have a lot of people that are
7 available that were present at that period.

8 So Laurie's talked many times about OPERATION
9 CROSSROADS. There was two atomic bombs tested there:
10 Shot Able and Shot Baker. Sixty-one support ships were
11 involved and eighteen target ships that were returned to
12 Hunters Point Naval Shipyard.

13 Next slide.

14 Six of the target ships had to be towed back.
15 Here's a list of those towed back to the yard.

16 Next slide.

17 USS Independence and USS Gasconcade and USS
18 Crittenden remained at HPS for testing and
19 decontamination. The other three ships were towed away
20 and taken to Mare Island or Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

21 The key here is that these ships were towed
22 back. All the other ships came back under their own
23 power and burned their fuel on their trips back.

24 What they found in the fuel of these three
25 ships were trace amounts of fission products, cesium-137

1 and strontium-90, and plutonium. Plutonium is the fuel
2 in the atomic bomb.

3 And fission products, when you split the atom
4 of plutonium, the nucleus -- that's how we get all the
5 energy -- you come up with two more elements. And the
6 ones that hang around for a long time, actually hundreds
7 of those are formed. When you split it, it always
8 doesn't go to cesium and/or strontium. You can split
9 into two diff- -- two different daughter elements.

10 The ones that have a long half-life -- that
11 means they stay around for a long time -- are strontium
12 and cesium. So that's what I mean by "fission

13 products."

14 Next slide.

15 In all of these ships, there was
16 610,000 gallons of fuel estimated.

17 Now, why do I say, "estimated"? We knew -- We
18 know from historical records what the gallonage was for
19 the Independence. We do not know exactly -- There's
20 some conflicting documentation on the amount of fuel in
21 the Gasconade and Crittenden.

22 And the other problem, what they do for these
23 two ships is: They report the volume in barrels. The
24 Navy has different size barrels. So to be conservative,
25 we evaluated this situation using a 42-gallon barrel,

1 which is the Navy's largest-capacity barrel. So that's
2 why we have the estimation up there.

3 Next slide.

4 Disposal of the fuel. How do they get rid of
5 it? Many options were considered. But the ones that we
6 didn't like or they didn't like, I'm sure, at the time
7 was: You'd have to put the fuel in barrels and dump it
8 at sea or land disposal. You don't really get dispersed
9 contamination that well, and you contaminate the sea and
10 land with fuel. So the best option that they came up
11 with was to burn the fuel in the shore boilers at HPS.

12 Next slide.

13 Many safety precautions were considered for
14 burning the fuel at HPS. They wanted to minimize the
15 handling of the equipment so nothing else would be
16 contaminated with these trace amounts.

17 So from what Laurie can ascertain is: They
18 almost ran a direct -- direct line from the fuel tanks
19 of the ships into the tanks that fed the boilers. So,
20 you know, they didn't try to put it in barrels or other
21 types of containers and hump it over there and possibly
22 contaminate personnel and/or other equipment.

23 They maintained excess air intake through the
24 boilers which couples with this is that they only burned
25 at very high combustion rates. So what that means is

1 that you burn more air. You have a better air-to-fuel
2 ratio.

3 So what does that do? Dilution. It dilutes
4 then the particles that are in the fuel and as they come
5 out the stack, and then they are diluted more as they
6 get into the atmosphere, and this is the key.

7 They blew soot frequently. Well, that sounds
8 kind of, you know, strange. What they are doing there
9 is: They didn't want anything to accumulate over time
10 on the side of the boilers.

11 So they blew the soot frequently so you
12 wouldn't have a potential to build up soot on the side
13 of the boilers, get a large accumulation, and then blow
14 it all at once. Then you would have a hard -- higher
15 particle concentration coming out of the stack. So they
16 wanted to keep a constant exposure or dispersion rate
17 coming out of the stacks.

18 They checked the casting on the boilers
19 frequently to make sure there was no leakage inside the
20 plant; and most of the concern here was for the plant
21 workers, not the dispersion, because there -- as we are
22 going to see, they are well within the release limits
23 for this material.

24 They avoid burning while it was raining. And
25 why would you do that? Because there are the small

1 particulates that are going to come out. The air can
2 carry them. They can settle after a while. But what
3 would really happen is: If the rain hit it, they would
4 settle quickly to the ground. And as we will see, the
5 prevailing wind direction is out into the bay, and
6 that's the direction where we wanted this to go.

7 Monitor equipment when burning was complete.
8 So after the burning was complete, they would go in and
9 monitor equipment, and they would burn several days. We
10 will talk about that in a second.

11 And also, they monitored outdoors after the
12 burning. So they would evaluate the wind direction, and
13 they would go out and they would evaluate from the smoke
14 too and meteorological information, and they would
15 monitor out all the way to a quarter mile to make sure
16 that there was no deposition on the ground.

17 Next slide.

18 Where was the fuel burned? Shore boilers were
19 located in Buildings 203 and Building 521 on the yard.

20 When did the building -- burning take place?
21 It took place in April, May, June, July, and
22 August 1947. Records do not specify the exact day.
23 We're not sure if they burned every day.

24 In reality, you could burn that quantity of
25 fuel -- if you look at the burn rate that the boilers

1 could do, you could probably burn it all in about
2 30 days. But with restrictions on what they could
3 release in an 8-hour day, I would assume it would be
4 more like 100 days, or maybe they ran it with some rain
5 about over the 150-day period. But I don't think they
6 discharged every day.

7 Next slide.

8 This shows you the locations -- I'm in your
9 way -- the locations of the buildings. There's
10 Building 203. The bay is out here. And here's
11 Building 521.

12 Next slide.

13 Radioactivity released. They did testing, and
14 they determined that 99.9 percent of the radioactive
15 material in the fuel was released then or carried out
16 with exhaust gases. And this is what they wanted. They
17 wanted to get the gases out of the stack. They didn't
18 want it to accumulate in the plant. They didn't want to
19 expose plant workers. They wanted it out in the air so
20 it could dilute it and get it off base.

21 Boiler burn rate here was about 1300 cubic feet
22 of air. So you can see the mixture here, 1300 cubic
23 feet of air for every gallon of fuel burned.

24 So that will give you some idea of the dilution
25 factor here; and also you got to remember now as soon as

1 it gets out of the stack, 50 feet high it will start
2 then diluting further.

3 Okay. Next slide.

4 Radioactivity released. I know that a lot of
5 people don't have a lot of wherewithal with radioactive
6 quantities. And so this -- stay with me here. The
7 amount of plutonium released: I'm going to give this
8 one in grams. I thought some of you have an idea of
9 what a gram is. This microbe is a millionth of a gram.

10 So in reality, if we -- you know, if we took
11 this fancy scientific notation. But if you really
12 wanted to envision this, move this decimal and put five
13 zeros in front of that 6, and that will tell you how
14 many grams are there, not a lot.

15 So that's how many micrograms there were per cc
16 of air that was extracted or discharged from the stack.

17 The 1947 Atomic Energy Commission release
18 standard for plutonium then was 5×10 to the negative
19 10. And this is 1/10 less of a factor than the release
20 standard. So they were re- -- they were releasing it
21 less than they were allowed to, and also with this
22 qualifier is that they could burn for eight hours a
23 working day, six days a week, for one year.

24 So you could dispose for that whole period.

25 And as we know, at most they didn't burn any more than

1 five months. So we didn't burn less than the quantity
2 that was allowed, and we didn't burn for the whole year.
3 So it will give you an idea that we were at least below
4 the standard.

5 And speaking of standards, then, let's look at
6 today's standard and see if we can equate this a little
7 bit. Today's standard, of course we have to go to
8 another unit. Instead of grams, we go to something
9 called curies, microcuries. And Laurie has probably
10 gone over some of these units before. But this is a
11 measure of activity -- activity instead of mass.

12 So again, though, we're way down here in the
13 billionths range.

14 Here's what I did was convert that gram number
15 to microcuries and so you could compare it by the 2003
16 Nuclear Regulatory Commission standard. Now, it's a
17 little higher than the standard is today.

18 But I do want you to note that this standard is
19 a little different in as that you're allowed to release
20 for 24 hours a day and seven days a week for one year.
21 So that compensates a little bit for the difference
22 because the longer discharge period you're allowed.
23 Okay?

24 And also, what they did is -- really here too
25 is: They reduced the amount of exposure you could get.

1 That means that if somebody breathed that quantity of
2 radioactivity 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 hou- --
3 52 weeks a year, they would get 50 millirem.

4 And there is another unit that would be hard to
5 explain and ascertain what is 50 millirem. Federal law
6 says members of the public are allowed to get
7 100 millirem. Occupational workers out in the field,

8 like working for New World Technologies, are allowed
9 5,000 millirem, just to give you some reference to that
10 number.

11 Next slide, please.

12 Fission products. I'll go through these
13 numbers again. For the fission products, 7.13×10 to
14 the 10th microcuries per mL in the air. What the
15 unknowns were at that point was what the release
16 standards were in 1947 for the two fission products
17 cesium and strontium. So we don't know what they were
18 then. We haven't found any historical records to give
19 us any indication.

20 Also what we don't know -- it complicates this
21 a little bit -- is: We don't know the ratio of the
22 daughters, the fission products. Was it a 50-50 mixture
23 of strontium and cesium? And without knowing that, it
24 makes it a little harder to tell if one gives a little
25 bit more dose than the other, then we don't know the

1 quantity or which one's given the most dose.

2 So when we did calculate this out to figure out
3 the dose, potential dose, to people, we just assumed it
4 was in the 50-50 mixture.

5 NRC has limits today for these radionuclides.
6 You can see they're very close. Like I say, I don't
7 know which one is cesium and which one is strontium, but
8 their total activity is very close to today's standards.
9 One is about right on, and the other one is a hundred --
10 factor of 100 below. Okay? The numbers are always
11 confusing.

12 And I see you very bewildered over there.

13 MS. ASHER: Very what?

14 DR. DOREMUS: Bewildered.

15 MS. ASHER: I'm not bewildered. No, no. I'm
16 having -- I'm thinking. I'm not bewildered --

17 DR. DOREMUS: Thinking?

18 MS. ASHER: -- at all, no.

19 DR. DOREMUS: Okay.

20 MS. ASHER: Believe me.

21 DR. DOREMUS: Exposure to personnel. Okay. It
22 even gets more complicated. We used a Gaussian air
23 dispersion model.

24 Now, what does that mean? It's a certain model
25 that they utilize. The Gaussian is a shape -- a

1 bell-shaped curve, if any of you have ever taken
2 statistics, and normal distribution. That more or less
3 evaluates the plume as it goes downwind the shape of it
4 and more or less assumes that most of the concentration
5 is in the center. And as you get out further, it
6 dispe- -- it spreads out as it goes down.

7 There's also a lot of things with wind
8 conditions, wind velocity, how high the stack is. And
9 we knew a lot of this information.

10 The average wind speed out there is 12 miles
11 per hour. That's an average. It doesn't mean it's that
12 all the time. It's a lot greater out there today when I
13 was out there.

14 Stack height's about 50 feet. We're right on
15 for that. Receptor distance from the stack. What we
16 did with the dose model is: We look at the most
17 conservative, wherever the most exposures occur with
18 the -- with the worst environmental conditions.

19 In other words, if you drove the plume down
20 quickly at 250 feet, you can imagine, if any of you have
21 seen smoke coming out of a stack, it can break up
22 immediately and be dispersed. If it's a calm day, it
23 can go up in a, like, vertical direction. There's a
24 certain thing called a temperature inversion. Any of
25 you have ever seen a plume come up and then it will hit

1 like a invisible barrier, and it will go along a more or
2 less horizontal plane.

3 So these models have to -- you know, you have
4 to have some idea, and it's a little hard extrapolating
5 back in that summer what was going on. So, you know,
6 it's -- it's not an exact science, but you do the best
7 you can. And they were evaluating these situations at
8 the time.

9 Also, amount of contamination of the fuel we
10 figured was consistent, and you could burn rate of 183
11 [sic] gallons an hour.

12 So inside the boundary, the deposition at
13 250 feet was about 6×10 to the negative
14 20 microcuries. So that's less than a millionth of a
15 millionth of a millionth of this curie.

16 Yes?

17 MS. PENDERGRASS: You have five minutes.

18 DR. DOREMUS: Five minutes. You always know.

19 Next slide.

20 I just wanted to show you the prevailing wind
21 direction. We will in the HRA have it more detailed,
22 and you can see more of the wind direction. I just drew
23 one arrow here. That's prevailing. I mean, winds can
24 swirl around. But this is from the historical
25 meteorological data, and we can reproduce that.

1 And so that's just the average of prevailing
2 wind direction into the -- showing that the plume would
3 go into the bay.

4 Next slide.

5 Exposure to personnel. Using the release
6 criteria that I talked about just a few slides back from
7 Nuclear Regulatory Commission that says if we have this
8 emission rate, that would equal an exposure of
9 50 millirem to an individual.

10 Dose inside the boundary, 250 feet from the
11 boilers, would be about 2.5×10 to the negative 5th
12 millirem, or about a millionth of this allowed exposure.

13 So the conclusion is: There was no risk to the
14 workers or local residents from this discharge.

15 Next slide.

16 So that would be it before the break.

17 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right. We need to take a
18 break to give our recorder [sic] a break, and then we'll
19 come back, have questions, and continue on with your --
20 with your presentation.

21 DR. DOREMUS: Thank you.

22 MS. HARRISON: [Unintelligible.]

23 MS. PENDERGRASS: Yes, ma'am.

24 (Recess 6:58 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.)

25 MS. PENDERGRASS: We have quite a bit of things

1 to cover. We need to get back assembled, finish our
2 presentation, so we can move into some other areas
3 tonight.

4 MS. JORGENSEN-RISK: The meeting is beginning
5 again.

6 MS. PENDERGRASS: Mr. Doremus?

7 DR. DOREMUS: Yes, ma'am.

8 MS. PENDERGRASS: Are you ready to begin? We
9 had --

10 DR. DOREMUS: I'm here.

11 MS. PENDERGRASS: -- some questions --

12 MS. RINES: Come on, people.

13 MS. PENDERGRASS: We had some questions about
14 your first -- your first presentation, and the first
15 person who has a question is Ms. Harrison.

16 DR. DOREMUS: Shall I get these other people in
17 the back or --?

18 MS. RINES: No.

19 DR. DOREMUS: Okay.

20 MS. PENDERGRASS: We're going try to keep the
21 question-and-answer period to about seven to eight
22 minutes.

23 DR. DOREMUS: Give me two seconds. I want to
24 mention that as a result of this, Navy will go out and
25 monitor these facilities inside and out. We'll

1 concentrate on prevailing wind direction.

2 Plus, the Environmental Protection Agency has
3 been out there all week; and from my knowledge, they
4 have not discovered anything as a result of this
5 situation.

6 I don't know if the EPA wants to comment or not
7 at this time.

8 MR. WORK: Yeah, yes. Actually, I'd like to
9 comment on two things as long as I'm speaking at the
10 moment.

11 MS. PENDERGRASS: Well --

12 MR. WORK: One, you'll notice on the agenda
13 that there was to be a presentation from EPA. Steve
14 Dean was going to present the scan van report for the
15 RAB. He regrets that he was unable to be here tonight.
16 He's asking if he be allowed to come in June and -- and
17 make that same presentation.

18 And to answer the question that you just
19 raised: Yes, EPA has been out doing their own
20 monitoring in the area around these two buildings, these
21 two ex-power plants.

22 DR. DOREMUS: Inside too.

23 MR. WORK: And Steve would be willing to
24 address our findings at the June meeting also, but I
25 understand from trading voice mails with Steve today

1 that he hasn't found anything with EPA instrumentation.

2 DR. DOREMUS: Thank you.

3 Your question, ma'am?

4 MS. PENDERGRASS: Ms. Harrison?

5 MS. HARRISON: Actually, it's a two-prong
6 question. I was -- I was most interested in the fact
7 that two areas that -- that you said that had burned
8 stuff off of it.

9 DR. DOREMUS: The two buildings?

10 MS. HARRISON: The wind -- The two buildings,
11 that the wind blew outward. Well, when the -- when the
12 wind goes out toward the bay here, it goes over to our
13 strip to the ballpark over there. It goes to all the
14 homes over there.

15 And I was told that this stuff being burned --
16 the [unintelligible] that's been burned, it goes up
17 maybe fi- -- 50 feet. Well, I think that hill is a
18 little higher than that. So when it cools down by the
19 time it reaches the hill, that area there, that's like
20 it goes out, like, 3 miles before it actually starts to
21 cool off and drop down.

22 Well, 3 miles from here is about middle of
23 Alice [sic] Griffith, right at the edge of Alice
24 Griffith, and then you start into the private homes.
25 There were public housing there during that time.

1 So one of the -- the major concerns of mine is
2 that it's easier to track because we know that even
3 minute particles of this stuff after a long period of
4 time will cause damage.

5 MS. PENDERGRASS: Ms. Harrison, what's your
6 question?

7 MS. HARRISON: How many military families --?
8 That's why -- How many families -- and you don't have
9 to give me any personal information. All we are looking
10 for is numbers -- contracted cancers, skin rashes, and
11 all that good stuff?

12 And I know that the Navy keeps those --
13 those -- that information. I'm not asking for anything
14 personal. I'm not asking for names and locations and
15 all that stuff of these people. We're simply asking for
16 numbers, because that will help us determine how far
17 away from danger were my father and mother who happened
18 to live over there on that side of the hill.

19 DR. DOREMUS: Number one, I have no knowledge
20 that the Navy keeps that type of information.

21 MS. HARRISON: I used to work for them, so I'm
22 really familiar. That's okay.

23 DR. DOREMUS: Well, I used to work for them
24 too, and I don't -- I don't think that they are
25 following -- I don't know that they are following it

1 that much. I mean --

2 MS. HARRISON: No. You were not a military --

3 unless you were a military person.

4 DR. DOREMUS: The Navy here. I -- I'm not

5 sure. I don't have the --

6 MS. HARRISON: Actually, I asked --

7 DR. DOREMUS: I don't know --

8 MS. HARRISON: -- military families in those

9 old buildings.

10 DR. DOREMUS: I don't know the answer to the

11 question. I just thought that would be --

12 MS. HARRISON: Well, that would be a real help

13 to us if the Navy would -- would provide those numbers.

14 We are not asking for anything personal. Just how many

15 military families --

16 MS. PENDERGRASS: Let me just make sure you got

17 it. So that -- I think that needs to be directed to our

18 BRAC Environmental Coordinator since --

19 MS. HARRISON: I don't have a problem with

20 that.

21 MS. PENDERGRASS: -- since our -- our speaker

22 does not have that information.

23 And are you clear about the question?

24 The question is how many Navy families that

25 were -- that were residing on the base at that time

1 have --

2 MS. HARRISON: Or outside the base so that --

3 MS. PENDERGRASS: -- outside the base have

4 contracted, you know, the -- the . . .

5 MS. HARRISON: . . . the traditional

6 [unintelligible] cancer, asthma, a few other things,

7 diabetes.

8 MR. FORMAN: That's something you want me to

9 research?

10 MS. PENDERGRASS: Yes, to see if you can find

11 that out. Who would -- who would get that? At least at

12 the next meeting or as an action item report back to the

13 Board who would have that information if you can't --

14 don't have it. Okay? Would that satisfy Ms. Harrison?

15 MS. HARRISON: Well, can you start off with

16 looking -- with your medical records?

17 MS. PENDERGRASS: Well --

18 MS. HARRISON: All I want is numbers.

19 MS. PENDERGRASS: Right. We got that.

20 MS. HARRISON: Okay.

21 MS. PENDERGRASS: Yes, ma'am.

22 MS. PIERCE: This is also on your report of the

23 prevailing winds.

24 And three years ago we were told that we didn't

25 have to worry about the fire on the Shipyard because the

1 wind -- the prevailing winds blow in exactly the
2 opposite direction of what you're showing.

3 So I need an explanation of how prevailing
4 winds change and start going in a different direction
5 completely, or which one of these is the correct way
6 that the wind usually blows.

7 DR. DOREMUS: Do remember, this was for
8 56 years ago --

9 MS. PIERCE: Right.

10 DR. DOREMUS: -- during only those months that
11 they burned. So I don't know how overall that compares
12 to possibly a 50-year profile of the prevailing winds.
13 So we can look at that, or maybe Mr. Forman has more
14 information on that.

15 MR. FORMAN: Yeah, I don't know what happened
16 53 years ago.

17 MR. DeMARS: Quick question. I don't -- The
18 landfill fire prevailing wind, how is that the direct
19 opposite of what we are talking about? It seems to me
20 it's the exact same direction.

21 MS. HARRISON: Not really.

22 MS. PIERCE: Well, that arrow is pointing
23 basically northeast.

24 DR. DOREMUS: No.

25 MR. OFFENHAUER: No.

1 DR. DOREMUS: No.

2 MS. PIERCE: It's blowing from the campus.

3 It's blowing -- From the campus, it's -- it's blowing

4 north.

5 DR. DOREMUS: That wind will hit you in the

6 face. So if you're facing that wind, the wind's going

7 in that direction.

8 MS. PIERCE: Exactly. Now, the -- the arrows

9 were -- were pointed going down -- I won't say whether

10 it's north, south, east, or west --

11 DR. DOREMUS: South.

12 MS. PIERCE: -- going in the other direction.

13 And we were told we did not have to worry about exposure

14 to the smoke because the prevailing wind was going in

15 the other direction.

16 In other words, it was blowing so that any of

17 the smoke -- and in fact, I was out there, and I saw the

18 smoke was going --

19 MS. PENDERGRASS: During the same time of

20 month?

21 MS. PIERCE: August. It was going -- it was

22 going down.

23 MS. PENDERGRASS: So the question, though,

24 though, do I hear, the question is that just want some

25 clarification in how you got to this prevailing wind

1 direction based on what we currently know.

2 DR. DOREMUS: This direction is based on those
3 five months in 1947, not possibly August of when the
4 burn occurred. And so --

5 MR. DeMARS: And -- and Karen's correct in that
6 during the landfill fires, the wind direction may have
7 been a bit more maybe to the west-southwest. But again,
8 the prevailing direction came from the west towards the
9 east. So unless it was going down this way, it's still
10 basically going from the west towards the east.

11 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. All right.

12 MR. L. BROWN: One --

13 MS. PENDERGRASS: Is this about the winds?

14 MR. L. BROWN: No.

15 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. So our next -- is this
16 about the winds? Okay. So our next --

17 I'm s- -- This is about the winds?

18 MS. HASEGAWA: Yeah.

19 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay.

20 MS. HASEGAWA: Actually, we did contact NOAA,
21 and they were like this.

22 MS. PENDERGRASS: That was in the direction,
23 okay.

24 MS. HASEGAWA: Correct.

25 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. So it sounds like we

1 finished, and we have clarity on prevailing wind
2 direction for this particular -- at this particular
3 presentation.

4 MS. PIERCE: Well, it still raises the question
5 that we need to have the Navy answer again, because the
6 documentation that they gave us showed something else,
7 and I'm hearing that you're saying that this is the
8 correct direction. So we need clarification --

9 MS. PENDERGRASS: On another --

10 MS. PIERCE: -- on --

11 MS. PENDERGRASS: -- incident, though, right?

12 MS. PIERCE: Yeah, on the prevailing winds.

13 MS. HASEGAWA: You can contact NOAA yourself.

14 MS. PIERCE: I -- I want the Navy to explain
15 why they gave us information on something else. I'm not
16 trying to check on the prevailing winds.

17 We have relied for three years on some
18 information we got from the Navy. So I'm asking the
19 Navy to go back and just clarify for us.

20 MR. FORMAN: Do you -- do you know what format
21 that information came from to make it a little easier
22 for me? Was it a fact sheet?

23 MS. PIERCE: Yes.

24 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. All right. So we'll
25 check that out. Okay.

1 DR. DOREMUS: Mr. Forman will track that down.

2 MR. FORMAN: Yes.

3 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right. Then the next

4 question is from Mr. Campbell, then Mr. Mason -- we are

5 not taking any questions outside -- and then finally

6 then --

7 ATTENDEE: Lynne.

8 MS. PENDERGRASS: I'm sorry -- and then Lynne;

9 and then that will be the end of the questions for this

10 period so we can move on to the rest of the

11 presentation.

12 Yes, Mr. Campbell.

13 MR. CAMPBELL: What I'm concerned about is

14 the --

15 MS. HARRISON: I can't hear.

16 MR. CAMPBELL: -- particulate matter and the

17 temperatures because --

18 MS. PENDERGRASS: Mr. Campbell, can you speak

19 up and repeat?

20 MR. CAMPBELL: [Sans microphone] Yes. What

21 I'm concerned about is the particulate matter from the

22 burn. Your equation was based on --

23 [Speaking into microphone]: Your equation was

24 based on eight hours a day. Did that operate for

25 8 hours a day, or did it operate for 24 hours a day?

1 Because this is what your slide represents to us here.

2 DR. DOREMUS: In reality, we -- we assumed that
3 the individual would be exposed to this quantity. It's
4 cumulative.

5 MR. CAMPBELL: Right, but --

6 DR. DOREMUS: It wouldn't matter whether --

7 MR. CAMPBELL: We're -- we're talking about
8 particulate matter. If this thing's in operation
9 24 hours a day, then -- then some of these equations are
10 off.

11 DR. DOREMUS: I'm not sure. I believe they
12 were looked at -- Commander Fragoso did the Gaussian
13 modeling here. Why do you think it would be off if it
14 was based on all at once or over a protracted period of
15 five months?

16 MR. CAMPBELL: Oh. Well, if you're -- if
17 you're burning for more than eight hours a day --

18 DR. DOREMUS: Right.

19 MR. CAMPBELL: -- then you're getting more
20 exposure. You're getting more particulate matter into
21 the air. You're -- you're definitely getting -- because
22 we're looking at the highly efficient burns now from
23 some of the power plants around, and they are not that
24 efficient today -- by today's standard using natural gas
25 and other things with air injection with much later

1 technology.

2 The other question that we have is: If NRDL
3 was that sophisticated, why do we have so many ra- --
4 radiological surprises today?

5 DR. DOREMUS: Radiological surprises . . .

6 MR. CAMPBELL: Well, for instance,
7 Building 253, the roof, okay, other areas. We know that
8 the scan van can't get to certain areas.

9 DR. DOREMUS: Right.

10 MR. CAMPBELL: So we got questions, when New
11 World Technology is doing a remediation in a particular
12 area and then they find something right next to where
13 they are working.

14 DR. DOREMUS: I think we continue to try to
15 impose the research we did and the standards we had back
16 then with what -- what they are today. I mean, we won
17 World War II because of the research that comes out of
18 this facility, and I'm just -- you know --

19 MR. CAMPBELL: We agree.

20 DR. DOREMUS: -- a lot of radiological work,
21 but still, the criteria, the -- you know, even by
22 today's standard, the contamination levels aren't that
23 high.

24 MR. CAMPBELL: Well, look, we -- we saw
25 civilian soldiers being exposed to the blast. We have

1 stories from atomic veterans. They can see their bones
2 from the blast right through their hand as they try to
3 shield themselves.

4 Now, we certainly wouldn't do it to today's
5 troops. So those standards are changed dramatically.

6 DR. DOREMUS: Quite possibly we'll clean up the
7 standard today, and a hundred years or fifty-six years
8 from now we're going to be looking at more different
9 sets of standards.

10 So, you know, we got to grandfather some
11 operations of what we did and the reasons we did this.
12 I'm not making excuses. And I just think that they --

13 You know, this is a whole new era. This is the
14 start of the nuclear age. The atomic bomb, they were
15 trying to do the best they could. They weren't all
16 aware. They didn't have all the perfect equations.
17 They -- they didn't anticipate some of the stuff that
18 was going to occur. Surely we wouldn't have a lot of
19 people out there doing it the way we did.

20 MR. CAMPBELL: Oh, I -- I -- I agree with you.

21 DR. DOREMUS: And so --

22 MR. CAMPBELL: I agree with those principles.
23 But also, we have a community that was exposed and
24 potentially has got some exposure areas, and that's why
25 you're hearing our frustrations and our concerns.

1 DR. DOREMUS: And I think we are trying our
2 hardest to find out where if there is ex- -- where --
3 where these operations occurred, where there is a
4 potential for exposure, what that exposure was; and go
5 in and see what is there now before we turn this
6 property over.

7 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right.

8 MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you.

9 MS. PENDERGRASS: Mr. Mason, I'm sorry.
10 Mr. Mason?

11 MR. MASON: I have two questions. Why didn't
12 that area around Building 815, that low level of housing
13 area where I live -- and I know the exposure to cancer
14 was tremendous, diabetes tremendous. Quite a few people
15 in that neighborhood had died from diabetes and cancer.

16 My question is: What kind of health survey did
17 you do in the outside communities, and how did you
18 measure the plutonium during that time?

19 DR. DOREMUS: The lab measured it.

20 MR. MASON: How did you do it? How did they do
21 it?

22 DR. DOREMUS: They had laboratory instruments.
23 You can take a sample of the oil and fuel, and you could
24 definitely determine what the activity was in it, and
25 you counted it long enough.

1 MR. MASON: Did they --?

2 DR. DOREMUS: So they had such enough
3 instruments at that time to measure the plutonium
4 concentration.

5 MR. MASON: Did they come outside of the base
6 and do any kind of health analysis or any health
7 surveys?

8 DR. DOREMUS: What they did was monitor it to
9 show that they didn't exceed any of the levels so there
10 was no deposition to the -- They were most concerned
11 with the workers inside and then outside also. So they
12 measure to show that there wasn't any contamination on
13 the base.

14 Now, I don't know the exact sensitivity of the
15 instruments back then. Certainly, we have much more
16 sensitive equipment today. And we are going back in,
17 and that's the way we can find some stuff that the Navy
18 didn't recognize in the past.

19 I don't know what epidemiological profiles had
20 been done for the base, what medical records are
21 available and particularly for the surrounding
22 community. That -- that's quite an undertaking, and I'm
23 not aware of the -- the records.

24 MR. MASON: Just think about it, you know. I
25 mean, we're looking and . .

1 MS. PENDERGRASS: Mr. Mason, you had a
2 question, and you had your question answered. We need
3 to move on to the other two people who have a question
4 at this point. Thank you.

5 Mr. Brown, I'm sorry. I -- I don't -- I'm
6 really --

7 Mr. Brown has a question and then Ms. Asher.

8 MR. L. BROWN: Yeah. I'd like to know, how
9 long was the USS Independence, Gasconade, and Crittenden
10 in Bayview-Hunters Point out there in the dry docks for
11 how long?

12 DR. DOREMUS: I don't know. But I can try to
13 find out.

14 MS. PENDERGRASS: Is that another action item?

15 MS. HARRISON: Yes.

16 DR. DOREMUS: Yes.

17 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right. Did you get --?

18 DR. DOREMUS: Give it to Laurie, though. Don't
19 put Steve on it, please.

20 MR. BROWN: I'll do, though.

21 MS. PENDERGRASS: Ms. Asher has the next
22 question, and then Ms. Lutton had a question.

23 MS. ASHER: Yeah. You know, your final
24 conclusion was that there was no danger to anybody in
25 the community and the workers. And based on the data

1 that you showed, I have a problem with that, you know,
2 sort of basic conclusion. It doesn't make me feel any
3 better if that's the point of that.

4 Do you agree that --? Do you have enough
5 information to really determine that no harm was done to
6 the residents of this community by it -- having a
7 incinerator burning, I would guess, 24/7, but we don't
8 know if it's 8 hours or 24/7, for 100 to 150 days with
9 plutonium and cezzium-1 [sic] -- what --

10 DR. DOREMUS: Cesium.

11 MS. ASHER: -- cesium-137 and their daughters?

12 I -- I don't know if I would agree with that,
13 and it only takes one particle to lodge in somebody's
14 body to cause irreputable [sic] harm.

15 So if you have an incinerator going in your
16 community for, you know, 24/7 for 150 days, I don't
17 really know how you could reach that conclusion. Okay.
18 That's . . .

19 DR. DOREMUS: Health -- health hazard's
20 associated with living next to any type of power plant.
21 You know, acid rain has probably been one of our biggest
22 problems we face, especially on the East Coast from
23 coal-fired plants.

24 So don't misconstrue. What I'm really trying
25 to point out is that it's a millionth of the allowed

1 dose back then from that.

2 Is there no risk involved? I think radiation
3 probably compared to the -- lot of the other hazardous
4 material takes the most conservative approach, and we
5 always say there is some risk.

6 Most of the other hazardous materials we dealt
7 with have a threshold where they say, "Below that, don't
8 worry about it."

9 Radiation has been a big concern in our
10 community, and it takes a linear no threshold. And so
11 it comes right down to zero. So as soon as you get
12 above zero, there's a little risk, and I think that's a
13 very conservative model. We use it still as a health
14 standard.

15 So "no risk," "no" is a big word. I'm not
16 going to say. But we got to look at, you know, what is
17 risk and the benefits versus, you know, risk.

18 If I -- If the oil got dumped in somebody's
19 backyard, would that have been any better? We had to do
20 something with it, you know.

21 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. Thank you for
22 answering that question.

23 Ms. Lutton?

24 Ms. Lutton is our last question.

25 MS. LUTTON: Nowadays I've been doing some

1 research on depleted uranium.

2 DR. DOREMUS: Depleted uranium?

3 MS. LUTTON: Yeah. And I understand that
4 there's two kind of radiations, soluble and insoluble;
5 and they can actually test the urine of people who have
6 been exposed to determine exactly how much has been --
7 at least the soluble uranium has entered the system.
8 However, the urine tests have to be taken very soon
9 after the exposure, like, 24 hours.

10 Well, it seems like this would have been a good
11 case -- good -- if people are exposed, say, 8 hours a
12 day, to do such tests.

13 Were there any human tests to determine the
14 absorption of radiation for the people around here when
15 they were burning this stuff?

16 DR. DOREMUS: No. I think they believe, since
17 they were within the allowed exposure of release, that
18 that wasn't required.

19 And if we couldn't really measure it on the
20 ground, I don't believe we would be able to measure it
21 once it got into somebody's body.

22 And you're talking depleted uranium, which is a
23 little bit different than plutonium and its solubility
24 and whether it's going to be absorbed into the system or
25 whether it's going to --

1 You know, basically, what we're worried here is
2 the inhalation pathway; and then if it's insoluble, it
3 sits in the lungs. If it isn't, it gets into the
4 bloodstream that way. Also, you bring mucus up all the
5 time, so it becomes the ingestion pathway.

6 These models are very complicated too. And
7 where are you going to measure it? Either fecal or
8 urine. And I think a little bit back from there if
9 they've got one or two atoms, you never measure that.

10 So I don't think it was any conception for them
11 to try that.

12 MS. PENDERGRASS: Thank you.

13 At this point, we need to whiz through the
14 next -- the rest of your presentation update so that we
15 can answer any additional -- have some additional
16 question time before we go into subcommittee reports.

17 DR. DOREMUS: I think we can get through this
18 real quickly.

19 This is a continuation of our Phase V
20 investigations. Right now we are focusing on
21 Building 253 and Building 366, which is the former
22 Building 351B, or bravo, at the -- when NRDL had it.

23 Next slide.

24 Building 253 was the former Shipyard optical
25 and electronics building. Nice picture.

1 Next slide.

2 What we are doing now is, as Laurie's reported
3 to you previously, we characterized already most of the
4 floor space, the walls, and the roofs in that facility.

5 What we're concentrating now is on all of the
6 equipment and furniture that's left in the building. So
7 we're evaluating all of that, and we're investigating
8 the ventilation and piping systems.

9 Next slide.

10 Building 366.

11 Next slide.

12 This is the former NRDL Building 351 bravo. It
13 was an administration building, x-ray facility, and a
14 development for instruments for radiation detection.

15 So what we recently discovered is this
16 information: The administration or an x-ray facility
17 would not warrant us to go in there and do extensive
18 surveys.

19 X-ray machines do not produce radiation
20 contamination. They are not, so you can just -- you
21 know, they produce it while the electricity is on, but
22 they don't produce contamination. They're not a
23 radioactive source, per se. They produce radiation, not
24 a radiation source.

25 So -- But they did develop the instruments to

1 detect radiation. So as a result of that, they had to
2 have some sources in there for testing. So that's
3 what's our concern now.

4 And when the building was used by the Shipyard,
5 it doesn't look like -- it was used by various shops,
6 and it doesn't warrant us a lot for going in and doing a
7 lot of surveys. So this is the main reason we are back
8 in there. And currently, as you know, it's re- -- it's
9 leased by the artists.

10 So next slide.

11 What we are doing now is: We were in there
12 previously to di- -- we did some surveys in there.
13 Because of this new information, what we're doing is a
14 Class 1, which is -- means we are going to 100 percent
15 survey of the facility, at least the floors. And we are
16 also evaluating the ventilation system.

17 And these surveys are scheduled to go through
18 June 6th and are on schedule, right? Thank you.

19 So I know this is quite an inconvenience to the
20 artists right now 'cause we're moving a lot of things
21 around so we can get total survey of all the floor
22 space. So we appreciate their cooperation.

23 Next slide.

24 So that's it right now on our radiological. We
25 don't have any remediations under way.

1 Also, EPA was in Building 366 yesterday and did
2 surveys at certain spots. So they have also been in
3 there with their instrumentation and done some
4 surveying. And also, I guess Steve Dean will talk on
5 that next month when he is here.

6 MS. PENDERGRASS: Thank you.

7 DR. DOREMUS: As far as I know, they have
8 not -- they did not find anything.

9 And we have only found one small spot. There's
10 some thorium from some welding that has occurred by one
11 of the artists. They used welding rods that had
12 thorium, natural thorium -- occurring radioactive
13 thorium in them.

14 MS. PENDERGRASS: We have a question from
15 Ms. Oliva and then . . .

16 MS. OLIVA: Thank you for your presentation.
17 I'd like to know if there is any information on what
18 happened to generators and the boilers after they
19 finished doing their job and where they -- where they
20 are now.

21 DR. DOREMUS: They are still there.

22 MS. OLIVA: They are still --?

23 DR. DOREMUS: The boilers?

24 MS. HARRISON: Still in the building?

25 DR. DOREMUS: Still in the building. There's

1 four buil- -- four -- five boilers in 203. I know that
2 I saw four of them. There's another room I didn't go
3 in.

4 MR. DeLONG: Right next to it.

5 DR. DOREMUS: Next to it. So --

6 MS. OLIVA: Generators?

7 DR. DOREMUS: The generators are -- portions of
8 them are still there.

9 MS. OLIVA: Do you know where else the portions
10 of them are?

11 DR. DOREMUS: Well, functional generators are
12 you talking about?

13 MS. OLIVA: The ones you utilized in 19- --
14 they utilized in 1946 to expel the fuel.

15 DR. DOREMUS: To expel the fuel . . .

16 MS. OLIVA: To burn the fuel.

17 DR. DOREMUS: The stacks are still there, yes.

18 MS. OLIVA: It is still in 203?

19 DR. DOREMUS: Yes.

20 MS. OLIVA: Thank you.

21 DR. DOREMUS: It's actually in pretty good
22 shape inside. Now, I'm not a engineer, so there might
23 be some things missing from the plant.

24 MS. PENDERGRASS: Mr. Tisdell?

25 MR. TISDELL: I have a question.

1 DR. DOREMUS: Go easy on me. Boy, I'll tell
2 you.

3 MR. TISDELL: I have a -- My question consist
4 of you said that with it in the -- in the radiation if
5 they are not active, then they don't emit radiation,
6 right?

7 DR. DOREMUS: Radiation decays to a stable
8 element after a while.

9 MR. TISDELL: Right, okay. But you said, like,
10 the x-ray room if they are --

11 DR. DOREMUS: Oh, yes.

12 MR. TISDELL: -- and, you know, with just as
13 they're building, if they are not active, then they
14 don't emit radiation?

15 DR. DOREMUS: That's correct.

16 MR. TISDELL: Okay.

17 DR. DOREMUS: If the button isn't turned on --

18 MR. TISDELL: Okay.

19 DR. DOREMUS: -- that's --

20 MR. TISDELL: What about the radiation that
21 emitted already and just sitting there?

22 DR. DOREMUS: That's pure radiation and it goes
23 away. It's like when they take the x-ray of your chest,
24 those rays don't hang around and go and x-ray everybody
25 else. It's pure energy that will dissipate itself.

1 It's an electromagnetic wave that will sooner
2 or later wave on. If you throw a stone in the water,
3 sooner or later it will dissipate. I don't know how to
4 explain it in any simpler terms than that.

5 MS. RINES: It eventually goes away.

6 DR. DOREMUS: Thank you.

7 Thank you, all.

8 MR. L. BROWN: Steve?

9 MS. PENDERGRASS: I'm sorry. Typically we wait
10 until the end for comments unless we have time. But
11 please go ahead and --

12 MS. SANTANA: Okay.

13 Just for your presentation, specifically of the
14 ships that were brought here after being used in

15 OPERATION CROSSROADS, I'm just wondering in the
16 investigations if you also came across any information
17 on the ships that perhaps were brought here that were
18 used in Operation Hardtack in the '50s.

19 MS. PENDERGRASS: I'm sorry, ma'am. What was
20 your name again?

21 MS. SANTANA: My name is Deborah Santana.

22 DR. DOREMUS: That's a possibility. I will
23 also make that an action item if any ships came here
24 from Hardtack, which is another operation.

25 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right. Very good. Okay.

1 I'll go over the number of action items that we have got
2 a list going here.

3 DR. DOREMUS: Laurie.

4 MS. PENDERGRASS: Thank you, Mr. Doremus. We
5 really appreciate your presentation. It's really good.

6 Okay.

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. PENDERGRASS: We have a couple more things
9 and to try to get out of here right on time tonight.

10 What we need to do first before we have our
11 subcommittee reports is: We need to develop our slate
12 of candidates for co-chair.

13 The way the process works is: Tonight we
14 develop a slate of those folks who -- and the way this
15 will work is: You can nominate who you'd like to be
16 co-chair. Write their name on the board.

17 Then after all the names are on the board,
18 people who are here tonight and say that they don't want
19 to be co-chair, cross them off or what have you.
20 There's no statements, no lobbying at this point.

21 After we've developed the slate, you go away.
22 You have a month between now and the next RAB meeting to
23 talk to those people, call those people, and see if they
24 will be your best candidate for co-chair.

25 Next RAB meeting we will vote on who the new

1 co-chair will be, and then the following meeting we will
2 install that -- that new co-chair. Okay? Is everybody
3 kind of clear on that? We're going to do that really
4 quickly.

5 Mr. Tisdell, did you have something to add to
6 that?

7 MR. TISDELL: Yes, if there's . . . Nothing.
8 I got . . .

9 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. This is a process.
10 Anything else is outside that.

11 All right. So at this point, we're going to
12 open the floor. And, of course, the only people who can
13 nominate a RAB co-chair are RAB members and [inaudible]
14 at this point.

15 THE REPORTER: Can you hold on just one --?

16 MS. PENDERGRASS: Yes, we can.

17 (The reporter restocks paper tray.)

18 MS. PENDERGRASS: Mr. Mason.

19 MR. MASON: You know, out of the years that we
20 have been doing this, I think Lynne Brown has done an
21 excellent job with some of the issues that we have
22 been --

23 MS. PENDERGRASS: So Lynne Brown.

24 MS. PIERCE: I second it.

25 MS. HARRISON: I second it.

1 MS. PENDERGRASS: We don't need a first or a
2 second. All we need is a name. Lynne Brown.
3 MS. RINES: Hoo, hoo.
4 MS. PENDERGRASS: Anybody else have a
5 nomination?
6 MS. BUSHNELL: Ahimsa Sumchai.
7 MS. PENDERGRASS: Ahimsa Sumchai. Okay.
8 Ahimsa.
9 Any other nominations?
10 Yes, ma'am.
11 MS. HASEGAWA: J. R. Manuel.
12 MS. PENDERGRASS: J. R. Manuel.
13 Any other nominations?
14 Yes, ma'am.
15 MS. OLIVA: Maurice Campbell.
16 MS. PENDERGRASS: Maurice Campbell.
17 MR. CAMPBELL: (Shaking his head.)
18 MS. PENDERGRASS: That's all right.
19 Mr. Keichline.
20 MR. KEICHLINE: Members may self-nominate also.
21 Keep that in mind.
22 MS. PENDERGRASS: Thank you, sir.
23 Now, you know, the co-chair position is a kind
24 of thankless job. However, however, the -- the co-chair
25 is responsible for coordinating the information that

1 comes and coordinating kind of how the information is
2 distributed to the RAB and how the RAB works.

3 So if -- you know, if you feel like you need --
4 you want to make some changes to any of that, the
5 co-chair position is the place to get yourself. Just a
6 thought. Okay.

7 All right. Any other nominations?

8 Mr. Tisdell, would you like to nominate
9 yourself?

10 MR. TISDELL: No.

11 MS. PENDERGRASS: Oh. I'm sorry.

12 MR. TISDELL: I nominate Barbara Bushnell.

13 MS. PENDERGRASS: I beg your --?

14 MR. TISDELL: Barbara Bushnell.

15 MS. PENDERGRASS: Bushnell, okay. All right.

16 MR. URSINO: Behind you.

17 MR. KEICHLINE: Behind you.

18 MS. PENDERGRASS: Yes, ma'am. You have to
19 stand.

20 MS. PIERCE: I move we close nominations.

21 MS. RINES: I second that.

22 MS. HARRISON: I'll second it.

23 MS. PENDERGRASS: So we have nominations are
24 closed at this time, although we're still open for
25 anyone else.

1 Anyway, so we're all set. This is the slate.
2 At this point, anybody that's on the slate for co-chair
3 that does not want -- wish to be on can have their name
4 removed at this time.

5 MR. CAMPBELL: (Raising his hand.)

6 MS. PENDERGRASS: Mr. Campbell. All right,
7 Maurice.

8 Ms. Bushnell?

9 MS. BUSHNELL: Yeah. I need -- I need to say
10 something in addition to that. Dorothy Peterson isn't
11 here tonight, and she wasn't here last week because she
12 believes that this is a racist organization.

13 And I have to agree that I -- I have to agree
14 with her insofar as we had put out our intention of
15 trying to get a more multi-racial environment on this
16 Board, and nothing has been done.

17 The night that Mr. Shin came to the
18 subcommittee meeting, there was an incident that was so
19 nasty and ugly that I'm surpri- -- I am not surprised he
20 is not back. And I have yet -- I asked Mrs. Washington
21 if Keith apologized to her. He would not let her speak
22 to the point where he's threatened to hit her. I was
23 horrified. I am still horrified by that incident. And

24 I really can't support a group . . .

25 I am asking that all the RAB meet as a RAB,

1 just the community members; we hash out -- we deal with
2 these details having to do with subcommittees, with
3 special interests. It's wrong. We really --

4 I worked the last 20 years in a multi-racial
5 environment, and it's the most enervating, vigorous,
6 rewarding thing I have ever experienced, and I just
7 don't understand why you don't welcome with open hands.

8 And to that end, I am angry with all of you. I
9 really am angry, and that's why I couldn't serve for
10 anybody here.

11 MS. PENDERGRASS: Ms. Bushnell, I mean -- and
12 this is kind of an aside, but there -- how do you --
13 how -- what method --? I mean, there's -- this is a
14 group that's self-governed, basically, through your own
15 bylaws and your own rules.

16 MS. BUSHNELL: But the bylaws keep changing. I
17 mean, they changed now. They changed so that there are
18 now rules for people who have been on the RAB, they have
19 to sign up again. That's not in the bylaws. But all of
20 a sudden it is now. And according to the subcommittee,
21 there were two members that voted for it. Two members.

22 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right. So it sounds --

23 MS. BUSHNELL: They keep changing.

24 MS. PENDERGRASS: It sounds to me like either
25 we need to, as a RAB body, either put this as a

1 subcommittee meeting that everybody attends or that this
2 needs to go on an agenda --

3 MS. BUSHNELL: It's a special meeting of the
4 entire RAB. It's -- it's in the bylaws. We may have a
5 special meeting. We just have to set the date and time.
6 The Navy wouldn't necessarily have to be there.

7 We have to come together as a group 'cause all
8 of this stuff here, we need to decide. The community
9 that comes here wants to hear things, and we take up all
10 of their time. There's no time for the community to
11 have their questions answered, and that's because we are
12 not focused on what we need to do.

13 The Navy comes here prepared. We try to
14 respond to it, but we don't let the community give their
15 responses to us.

16 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. So at this point,
17 we're in a nomination phase. Can you hold that so we
18 can have a motion after this? And I would appreciate if
19 you formulate that motion so that we can bring that --

20 MS. BUSHNELL: Okay.

21 MS. PENDERGRASS: -- bring that.

22 All right. So at this point, Ms. Bushnell
23 is -- is off of the slate. Mr. Campbell is off the
24 slate.

25 We have Mr. Brown, we have Dr. Sumchai, and we

1 have Mr. Manuel. Okay. So those -- anybody who --
2 okay. All right. At this point . . . So at this
3 point, we have three people on our slate. That is our
4 slate. Next RAB meeting we will vote on that. That --
5 This session is closed.

6 Is --? Ms. Bushnell, do you have a motion as a
7 RAB member that you would like to put forth?

8 MS. BUSHNELL: I would like to put forth that
9 we somehow as a RAB set a date, just the RAB community
10 members -- doesn't mean the regulators or the Navy, per
11 se. We might want some assistance perhaps for -- to
12 take notes, but set a time when we could all meet, set a
13 couple hours we can start to hash out some of these
14 things that seem to come up in these meetings that we
15 can't deal with here. And we can meet and talk --

16 MS. PENDERGRASS: Yes, ma'am.

17 MS. BUSHNELL: -- as a community, as a group,
18 and work together.

19 MS. PENDERGRASS: So we have a motion on the
20 floor to have a special RAB meeting. Is there a second
21 to that?

22 MR. DACUS: Second.

23 MS. FRANKLIN: Excuse me. I -- I would want to
24 amend the motion -- I mean add to a motion that it is a
25 mandatory meeting. This needs to happen, and I think

1 that we should add the word "mandatory" or sit and
2 delegate to speak because --

3 MS. PENDERGRASS: Ms. Bushnell, it was your
4 motion. Do you --?

5 MS. FRANKLIN: I'm asking that that would be
6 addition to her motion.

7 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right. There's been a
8 motion on the floor. There's a second. Is there
9 discussion?

10 MS. HARRISON: Yes. I'm -- I'm -- h'm. How to
11 put this.

12 I'm a little dismayed -- and I don't even vote
13 to have this meeting. I'm feeling a lot of tension, so
14 let's do it this way. I -- I'll vote to have this
15 meeting if the Board will agree that --

16 First of all, couple things going on. You know
17 that Bayview-Hunters Point is a totally different
18 creature than everybody else.

19 MS. PENDERGRASS: Ms. Harrison, at this
20 point --

21 MS. HARRISON: I -- excuse me. I'm trying to
22 get my poi- -- If you let me get my point out, I
23 think --

24 MS. PENDERGRASS: But your point is not germane
25 to this motion.

1 MS. HARRISON: Yes, it is. Yes, it is. And if
2 you let me finish to see.

3 So if you're going to have this kind of a
4 hashing-out meeting, that if you're starting off with a
5 chip on your shoulders, it's only going to end up into a
6 great big coup, whatever.

7 So, you know, if you're going to ask for this
8 kind of meeting and then you're going to ask that it's
9 mandatory, then everybody sitting at this table that is
10 community has to agree that -- one, we are not going to
11 all going to agree; and two, that nobody is going to
12 come into it with any preset notions or with their
13 feelings already hurt; and that, four, when we leave, we
14 are not going to leave with any preset notions or
15 feelings hurt because you might hear things that you
16 don't want to hear.

17 MS. PENDERGRASS: I would be happy to
18 facilitate the meeting if that would add some -- some
19 breadth to your -- your concern and make sure that the
20 meeting is on time.

21 MS. BUSHNELL: Thank you.

22 MS. PENDERGRASS: Ms. Asher?

23 MS. HARRISON: Is that acceptable? Is all I
24 want to know.

25 MS. ASHER: I would have to disagree with

1 Ms. Bushnell. I mean, I feel that this RAB board has
2 made every effort to be inclusive. I think Mr. Tisdell
3 has done a very good job and doesn't deserve that type
4 of criticism. Saying that he's going to hit somebody is
5 totally irrational. I'm sorry.

6 MS. BUSHNELL: He did it. He is --

7 MS. ASHER: No.

8 MS. BUSHNELL: He did it.

9 MS. ASHER: Well --

10 MS. PENDERGRASS: We don't need to argue about
11 that.

12 MS. ASHER: Can I finish my statement, please?

13 I would just like to say that I find -- I -- I
14 just am shocked about her statement because I feel that
15 this RAB board has made every effort to try to be
16 inclusive, and we have been going by the bylaws, and
17 people who have problems would go to the bylaws
18 committee. Those are open to people, and I don't feel
19 that we need to have a special session unless we need to
20 have a therapy session for people in this room.

21 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right.

22 MS. FRANKLIN: I'm next.

23 MS. PENDERGRASS: I think Mr. Brown had a
24 question, a comment, and then we have Ms. Franklin so
25 that we can wrap this up.

1 MR. L. BROWN: Right. But before -- before I
2 could -- became co-chair, we didn't have any problem
3 about racial ethni- -- ethnicity. But all of a sudden
4 now, you saying on my reign, we got a problem about
5 racial ethnicity. What's that? What's that?

6 The guy -- the guy who was here, he came to the
7 meeting. He -- two years. It took him two years to
8 come here. And now he -- he came. You say he came in
9 March.

10 MS. PENDERGRASS: That's not germane to the
11 motion. This is not germane to the motion.

12 MR. L. BROWN: We didn't even see the guy.

13 MS. PENDERGRASS: Ms. Franklin.

14 MS. FRANKLIN: Yeah. I'm -- I'm not -- you
15 know, I'm not apprised at all the recent whatever this
16 racial -- racism is, but I am aware of the
17 inconsistencies that I have addressed.

18 And in regards to the meeting, I think that no
19 RAB meeting should -- no RAB member should facilitate.
20 I think it should be handled by an outside facilitator
21 or a mediator or something, because there are a lot of
22 issues here. And I think that it is a good idea to
23 bring all the issues to the forefront of the RAB so that
24 we can -- maybe we could resume as we were back in the
25 '90s --

1 MR. L. BROWN: Oh, no.

2 MS. FRANKLIN: -- definite -- excuse me. Don't

3 interru- -- Don't -- don't shoo me down.

4 MS. PENDERGRASS: Ms. Franklin, can you

5 continue, please?

6 MS. FRANKLIN: Don't disrespect me, okay?

7 I say, maybe we can resume the comradeship that

8 we had once had in this community with the RAB. But

9 it -- it takes a person who's neutral to chair the

10 meeting, you know, to mediate the meeting.

11 So I'm saying that maybe we should get you as

12 a -- your personnel person to look for a mediator to

13 facilitate the meeting with the RAB, and it is a good

14 thing to come together and -- and bring your ideas.

15 I'm not a part --

16 MS. PENDERGRASS: Miss --

17 MS. FRANKLIN: But I'm saying -- excuse me.

18 I'm saying that I would like to put this on the

19 motion -- on the floor to action -- as an action item.

20 MS. PENDERGRASS: At this point, though, we are

21 in the middle of a motion. We have a motion on the

22 floor. It's been seconded. This is conversation and

23 discussion regarding that motion, which is to set a

24 special meeting to discuss the RAB.

25 At this point, we have heard most different

1 opinions of this. If there's something new that has not
2 been said, Ms. Lutton, then Ms. Pierce, and Mr. Mason.
3 I'm sorry. Mr. Mason. If we can have those -- that
4 discussion, and then we can vote.

5 Yes, ma'am.

6 MS. LUTTON: Very simply, I agree with Marie, I
7 think this should be a conflict resolution meeting.
8 What do you call that when two -- when two conflicting
9 groups get together and talk?

10 MR. MANUEL: Mediation?

11 MS. LUTTON: Mediate it.

12 MR. MANUEL: Arbitration?

13 MS. LUTTON: Arbitration.

14 ATTENDEE: Tell her, J. R.

15 MS. PIERCE: I just would like to correct the
16 record, because this RAB is a very diverse group.

17 MR. ATTENDEE: Yes.

18 MS. PIERCE: It represents a number of
19 different ethnicities, races, backgrounds, cultures,
20 incomes, et cetera. And I don't want the record to
21 reflect that we don't have that diversity, because in
22 fact we do.

23 And then I just want to say that when we have
24 this kind of diversity, you often have conflict. And it
25 is good for us to discuss that conflict. But I'm

1 uncomfortable with agreeing to have this meeting when
2 it's coming out of all of this anger, you know. I don't
3 see that we are going to accomplish much.

4 I would like to see us start this kind of
5 conversation at a different place.

6 MS. PENDERGRASS: Mr. Mason.

7 MS. PIERCE: Thank you.

8 MR. MASON: You know, as -- as someone that --
9 that -- that -- that was born and raised in the
10 community and the community was very diverse at that
11 time, I resent the fact that someone is calling a -- a
12 committee that I'm on, you know, racism, you know,
13 because the diversity of the room just shows you itself
14 that -- that we are a group that's trying to make some
15 things work.

16 Now, if you have a different agenda, then we do
17 need to have a meeting because it needs to be brought
18 out because we have to find out whose agenda --

19 What --? Who --? Where is your agenda? If
20 your agenda is not for the community, then maybe you
21 need to take your agenda and go someplace else.

22 We need to sit down and have a meeting, because
23 this -- this group is diverse, you know. And I agree
24 with Ms. Pierce and I agree with Marie, I think we
25 should have a meeting, because I resent the fact that

1 someone calls this group a racist organization. I
2 really resent that, you know. I really do.

3 MS. PENDERGRASS: Thank you, Mr. Mason.

4 Ms. Rines.

5 MS. RINES: Okay. Just on the -- whether or
6 not -- a lot of the issue has to do with the bylaws.
7 That's why we -- they created the subcommittee meetings
8 so that we could have these discussions and not pull it
9 into the full RAB board where we're getting the Navy
10 here --

11 MR. MASON: -- involved.

12 MS. RINES: Right. They don't need to do this.
13 We don't need to necessarily -- not that we are
14 excluding the community, but they don't need to see us
15 hash through the administrative aspect of these
16 meetings, 'cause that's actually what it is. It's
17 administrative. We don't need a full RAB where
18 everyone's here with the regulators. We can do it in
19 the subcommittee. I think that everybody should go
20 there.

21 Yes, we should have a meeting. Yes, we should
22 hash it out. Yes, it could be -- make all the RAB
23 members come, but not necessarily the regulators. But
24 it should be the bylaws and subcommittee meeting where
25 it belongs because it affects -- it affects the bylaws.

1 That's what needs to be adjusted.

2 MS. PENDERGRASS: And again, I think that -- I
3 think that we talked about the co-chair, the reason why
4 in a meeting. And I'm just going to back up a little
5 and give you a little -- little procedural on
6 organizational history.

7 In order for groups to work, oftentimes you
8 have to bring people on and move people off and that
9 sort of thing. That ha- -- That needs to happen.
10 That's why you change and you reelect and reaffirm
11 people as chairs and co-chairs.

12 I'll get to you just in one minute.

13 MR. MANUEL: Go ahead.

14 MS. PENDERGRASS: So maybe some of these issues
15 have to do with committee and subcommittee chairs and
16 that sort of thing. Those things need to be hashed out
17 again at the subcommittee level. But you certainly
18 are -- that's what you need to do.

19 Mr. Manuel.

20 MR. MANUEL: Okay. I'll be pretty brief here.

21 First off, first off, I don't think there's
22 anybody that's a regular goer to these meetings that --
23 that don't understand that there's -- that there are
24 some different factions that are involved in -- in the
25 Board.

1 I think we are all getting better. I think we
2 are all getting to where we can deal with each other,
3 how to say, better.

4 However, I don't -- I believe that if there is
5 an issue, you know, we are governed by Robert's Rules of
6 Order. If that is a court of law, then you'd have
7 issues of -- of codes and et cetera of procedure and
8 evidence codes and et cetera, et cetera.

9 So I think that no one subgroup should speak in
10 totality for this group because we end up being kind of
11 like in some conspiracy and don't even know it if they
12 are out acting in our behalf; and it's incorrect that
13 as -- like in how money is allocated and -- and how
14 members are brought on or not if their constitutional
15 rights are being violated and et cetera, et cetera.

16 So I think that it's in our interest to have a
17 neutral party like yourself that would oversee a
18 situation that basically establishes a -- a playing
19 field from there on that everybody would be treated
20 fairly and equally.

21 If there is a grievance, this woman's old
22 enough to know when she's hurt. I don't think it's
23 anybody's right but the aggrieved party to decide if
24 they're hurt or not.

25 And I think it should be -- As Jesse said

1 earlier, I think it should be dealt with and then from
2 there go on. But don't sit there and pooh-pooh her when
3 she has a right to feel hurt.

4 MS. PENDERGRASS: Thank you, Mr. Manuel.

5 MR. PALEGA: I think that Jesse hit on it, but
6 I want to reiterate it again, and that's to respect
7 everybody's opinion and diversity.

8 And, you know, Barbara has a concern. Marie
9 talked about let's have the meeting. But I don't think
10 that we as a group can ever walk away from the fact of
11 not hearing people, 'cause that's what we all came
12 together on.

13 And, you know, whether we like it or not, we
14 got to respect the diversity issue. And all of us in
15 here, if you look around, are different. You know, we
16 may have the same tan or, you know, may like the same
17 thing; but inside everybody has their own beat that they
18 heed to.

19 So to make this group really effective, we got
20 to respect the diversity. The meeting should go on.
21 And -- and I'm surprised that we have the call because
22 there's been a motion, a second; and we should be ready
23 to either vote it down or get on with the plan at hand.
24 And -- and once we do that, then we can come back and
25 deal with all the other conversation.

1 But I think that, you know, this group needs to
2 understand that this group has always talked about
3 diversity. And if you ain't gonna let people say what
4 they feel inside, then whose diversity are we really
5 talking about?

6 Thank you.

7 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right. We sti- -- We
8 have a motion on the floor. We have had a second. We
9 have had just at least nine different opinions about
10 that.

11 Do you have something new to add to that,
12 Ms. Washington?

13 MS. WASHINGTON: It's -- it's new, but it's
14 part of what Barbara was saying.

15 At that meeting, I thought it was settled
16 because it was a disappoi- -- it was a disagreement
17 between Mr. Tisdell and I. He refused to give me a
18 chance to speak, but I spoke anyway.

19 So I didn't have -- I didn't feel -- I didn't
20 feel anything. And I told him that he doesn't tell me
21 what to do. I was at a meeting and I spoke anyway.

22 So I had nothing to feel sorry -- bad about
23 because I know he has dis- -- different personality from
24 anybody else I know.

25 MS. ATTENDEE: That's not racism.

1 MS. WASHINGTON: And he needs to lean down on
2 the floor with his fist carrying on terrible. But he's
3 like a child to me, and I just let him know that I have
4 been in this organization long enough.

5 MR. MASON: Rule 2, Rule 2.

6 MS. WASHINGTON: That's right.

7 MS. PENDERGRASS: I'm going to call for a vote.

8 MS. WASHINGTON: And I have --

9 MS. PENDERGRASS: I'm going to call for a vote.

10 MS. WASHINGTON: And that I know that I had a
11 right to speak. So I spoke.

12 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. I'm going to call for
13 this vote.

14 MS. WASHINGTON: If this is all because of
15 that, it's not even -- not even use to have a meeting
16 for.

17 MS. PENDERGRASS: We have a motion on the
18 floor. We have a second. We have had discussion. And
19 if there's nothing new to add to that, I'll rephrase the
20 motion -- or reiterate the motion.

21 The motion is to have a special call meeting of
22 all the RAB members to discuss administrative issues.
23 We haven't said about a time or anything like that at
24 this point. So all in favor of that motion, let me see
25 hands, please.

1 (Board members raise their hands.)

2 MS. PENDERGRASS: One, two, three, four, five,

3 six, seven. Anybody else? Seven people.

4 Yes? All -- all disagree with that motion?

5 (Board members raise their hands.)

6 MS. PENDERGRASS: One, two, three, four, five,

7 six, seven.

8 MS. JACKSON: Eight.

9 MS. PENDERGRASS: Eight. All right.

10 MR. KEICHLINE: What's the final tally? Eight?

11 MS. PENDERGRASS: Eight to seven.

12 ATTENDEE: Ms. Jackson --

13 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. So at this poi- -- at

14 this point, the motion has not carried. So there will

15 be no special meeting. That's --

16 MR. DACUS: Let's take another count on this.

17 MS. PENDERGRASS: That's the motion.

18 Now, at this point, I'm going to stop the

19 discussion on this, because I think that this discussion

20 needs to happen at the Bylaws, and anything can happen

21 at that point.

22 (Ms. Bushnell and Ms. Franklin exit.)

23 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right. At this -- at

24 this point, we're going to -- I'm going to skip a

25 moment. Just a moment. We have statements being made.

1 At this point, we -- it is 8 o'clock. We have
2 ten minutes for subcommittee reports and then any
3 comments from the community.

4 Do I have any -- do I have any volunteers or
5 people who don't have any subcommittee reports to make?
6 Why don't we start with that? Move that out of the way.

7 All right. I'll go down the list.

8 ATTENDEE: (Inaudible.)

9 MS. PENDERGRASS: No. We're going to get to
10 all of it.

11 Economic Development.

12 MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah. We had a meeting on
13 May 12th. There were 12 attendees. Chon Son and Pat
14 from the Navy came.

15 Our concern is that out of \$300 million, less
16 than 18 million going to the local communities. This
17 was asked back on December 5th.

18 The Navy did a study, a current study of their
19 present contractors, and found that as far as trucking,
20 their goals were being met. But as far as our local
21 subcontractors, the percentages were dismal.

22 However, the Navy contract specialist, Chon
23 Son, has agreed to monitor the prime contracts and
24 review the local subcontracting goals and see if people
25 are meeting -- meeting those goals. And we think it's

1 an important step.

2 There was a report for several different people
3 that was up there. It was on the CCR and the Dunn and
4 Brad [sic].

5 So if some of the local community -- local RAB
6 members, community members, could pick up those things,
7 speak to local companies, Chon Son said he would help
8 get some people certified, and we would work with SBA to
9 get some people certified. And beyond that, there is an
10 8A, which is a little bit more extensive, and we are
11 working with that.

12 We have six people in the pipeline. They gave
13 us one contracting opportunity. Unfortunately, it came
14 on a Friday. It had to be turned in on a Monday. We
15 did get six people into the pipeline. We said that
16 wasn't acceptable. But we are going to be monitoring
17 the month -- the numbers monthly.

18 So far, out of the last hundred task orders,
19 pretty much almost zero dollars was spent in the local
20 community. And March that was a number of about
21 \$41 million.

22 So you can see our concern for the community.
23 That's the report.

24 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right. When is your next
25 meeting?

1 MR. CAMPBELL: Look at the calendar. Yeah.
2 June 10th.

3 MS. PENDERGRASS: Economic Development
4 June 10th. What time?

5 MR. CAMPBELL: Three o'clock.

6 MS. PENDERGRASS: Three o'clock?

7 MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah.

8 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay, and do we know where?

9 MR. CAMPBELL: More than likely, it will -- it
10 will be at 1790 Yosemite.

11 MS. PENDERGRASS: 1790 Yosemite.

12 MR. CAMPBELL: If there's any changes, I will
13 get it out to everybody.

14 MR. FORMAN: Are you inviting anyone in
15 particular, Mr. Campbell? Do you want Chon Son there
16 or --?

17 MR. CAMPBELL: It would be nice to have Chon
18 there, because the numbers still hasn't reached anywhere
19 yet and it would be encouraging -- in other words,
20 people subcontracting and if something is taking place,
21 I think it would be nice until the numbers start moving
22 to have more involvement.

23 MR. FORMAN: Thank you.

24 MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you.

25 MS. PENDERGRASS: Radiological issues.

1 MR. DA COSTA: Yeah. I'm here representing
2 Dr. Ahimsa. And we met yesterday at the Green House.
3 That's 4919 on Third Street. And we had 14 people
4 attending our subcommittee meeting. We were expecting
5 the Navy, but Mr. Forman just told me that he's ready to
6 because -- on June the 25th.

7 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. All right. Thank you,
8 sir. And do we know where that meeting will be, the
9 time?

10 MR. DA COSTA: I really don't know where the
11 meeting will be, but --

12 MS. PENDERGRASS: Do you know what time?

13 MR. DA COSTA: No, because I'm representing
14 Ahimsa. So I think -- we have a place, and so we will
15 inform -- we will inform you as soon as possible, maybe
16 within 48 hours.

17 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. And can -- can you
18 make sure that gets out to everybody, Lynne,
19 Mr. Keichline? Okay.

20 All right. Technical Review.

21 MR. DA COSTA: No. I have some more.

22 MS. PENDERGRASS: Oh, I'm sorry. Please
23 forgive me.

24 MR. DA COSTA: So 14 of us there, and the first
25 thing we discussed was the article in the SAN FRANCISCO

1 WEEKLY. A lot of it was discussed at today's meeting.

2 We also had two women who were suffering from
3 breast cancer and lived on the hill, and they discussed
4 their plight.

5 We had some issues that were addressed to a
6 member from the Project Area Committee and the relation
7 between the Project Area Committee and the cleanup at
8 the Hunters Point, and those were discussed because
9 right now the Project Area Committee had jurisdiction
10 over 94124 and has nothing to do with the -- the
11 Shipyard.

12 We also discussed about the Assembly Bill 18 --
13 1187, which calls for Hunters Point development
14 authority and the cleanup. And we had in our midst a
15 film producer, Kevin Epps, and he spoke about the -- the
16 Shipyard and about the community adjoining to the
17 Shipyard, and he also spoke about a lot of the
18 radiological and other illnesses that the community had.

19 MS. PENDERGRASS: Thank you so much.

20 All right. Technical Review.

21 MS. LOIZOS: Yeah. We combined the Technical
22 and Risk Review Subcommittees this month because we had
23 similar interests, and our meeting was just this past
24 Tuesday.

25 We basically talked about the -- what's going

1 on with Parcel B right now, the upcoming five-year
2 review of the Record of Decision that was signed back in
3 October of '97.

4 And -- and brief -- or not brief, but we talked
5 about the risk management review process which is going
6 on right now for Parcel B to sort of determine how the
7 BCT is going to -- which -- which will determine how the
8 BCT is going to manage the remaining risk and assess the
9 remaining risk on the parcel and where to go from here.
10 It was -- had a pretty good discussion.

11 And then at the end, we actually -- we talked a
12 little bit as well about the latest HRA update because
13 it was some concerns about that information, hash that
14 out a little bit.

15 MS. PENDERGRASS: Great. Next meeting?

16 MS. LOIZOS: Keith?

17 MR. FORMAN: Yes.

18 MS. LOIZOS: I'm sorry, but people keep
19 changing the date on me.

20 MR. FORMAN: Okay.

21 MS. LOIZOS: We had said the 11th, but now I'm
22 being asked if the 12th is possible.

23 MR. FORMAN: Pardon?

24 MS. LOIZOS: Did the --?

25 MR. FORMAN: Okay.

1 MS. LOIZOS: Okay?

2 MR. FORMAN: Sure.

3 MS. LOIZOS: Okay. So let's say the 12th --

4 MR. FORMAN: Okay.

5 MS. LOIZOS: -- at 6 o'clock. And because the

6 library is closed, I think we will do it at the

7 Southeast Health Center Conference Room.

8 MS. PENDERGRASS: Southeast Health Center

9 Conference Room, 6 p.m. --

10 MR. FORMAN: Can I just --?

11 MS. PENDERGRASS: -- on the 12th.

12 MR. FORMAN: Now, on your agenda, then, is

13 going to be a number of items, the Hunters Point fire --

14 MS. LOIZOS: Oh, I forgot about that.

15 MR. FORMAN: Yeah. The Hunters Point fire

16 and --

17 MS. LOIZOS: And do you want to talk about

18 Parcel --? Not -- We decided to a basewide -- to talk

19 about the grace -- basewide groundwater monitoring.

20 MR. FORMAN: Okay, basewide groundwater

21 monitoring. So Pat Brooks and I will be there for

22 basewide groundwater monitoring, and we will bring the

23 right people who will talk about also the Hunters Point

24 fire.

25 MS. PENDERGRASS: Including the actual on-site

1 person there --

2 MR. FORMAN: Yes.

3 MS. PENDERGRASS: -- at the time.

4 MR. FORMAN: Yes. And that's been set up

5 already.

6 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right.

7 MR. TISDELL: When is this meeting going to be?

8 MS. PENDERGRASS: The 12th.

9 MS. LOIZOS: The 12th.

10 MR. FORMAN: June 12th. Okay.

11 And please, I encourage everybody, please, if

12 you can, come to that subcommittee meeting for both

13 topics because they are important, and I'd like to see

14 you there.

15 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right.

16 MS. PIERCE: And at our last meeting, which was

17 a joint meeting with the Risk Review Committee, we

18 agreed that we are going to continue to have joint

19 meetings until something surfaces that requires --

20 MS. PENDERGRASS: Technical Review.

21 MS. PIERCE: -- two meetings to -- to work

22 separately, because most of the people that come to each

23 of these are the same people, and the Risk Review

24 concerns are generated by the Technical Committee's

25 reports.

1 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay.

2 MS. PIERCE: So that will be the date of the
3 Risk Review and Technical Committee.

4 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. So June 12th, 6 p.m.
5 All right. Membership & Bylaws.

6 MS. RINES: Okay. We -- All right. What
7 we -- what -- We had a meeting, of course a lot of
8 just -- We had a meeting on the 13th, okay.
9 What we want to do, our first order of
10 business, is a motion to approve the revised bylaws.
11 You guys all got it in the mail before this. And it was
12 just one point of the amendments that once a year that
13 we amend the bylaws.

14 That's why I was kind of upset that Barbara and
15 Marie left, because that was the issue that they were
16 discussing about how everything -- the bylaws keep
17 changing and that they brought that up last time.

18 MS. PENDERGRASS: However, they were the ones
19 who motioned that made the bylaws change.

20 MS. RINES: Right.

21 So what we are saying is that they initially
22 said because it changes so much, you should only do
23 it -- we want to bring forth -- in the subcommittee, we
24 want to bring forth what you guys approved a motion to
25 approve this, saying that we can only amend it once a

1 year so that we won't have that issue and that it's at
2 the September RAB, okay, which -- which is what we want
3 to do.

4 So I -- that was the first thing that I want
5 to -- actually, I want to do this now if we can.

6 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right.

7 MR. MANUEL: Second.

8 MS. PENDERGRASS: We did -- We have a motion
9 on the floor to approve the distributed -- the
10 distributed --

11 MS. RINES: Revised bylaws.

12 MS. PENDERGRASS: -- bylaws, revised bylaws.

13 Everyone --

14 MS. PIERCE: Second.

15 MS. PENDERGRASS: -- has gotten a copy of
16 those.

17 We have seconded -- a second to that. And
18 unless there's discussion about those particular bylaws,
19 we would need to call for the vote.

20 MR. MANUEL: I have one . . .

21 MS. PENDERGRASS: We do have a forum.

22 Yes, sir.

23 MR. MANUEL: I -- I have one question.

24 Now, the only issue -- I mean, what she said
25 sounded like what -- what Marie was talking about. The

1 only issue that I can remember was what date or
2 something. I think she said something was arbitrarily,
3 and then I think --

4 MS. RINES: Came over --

5 MR. MANUEL: -- Ron mentioned -- somebody
6 mentioned something. Lynne mentioned --

7 MS. RINES: Came up with a logic. We came up
8 with a logic of why it would be September.

9 MR. MANUEL: Right, right.

10 MS. RINES: I can explain.

11 MR. MANUEL: And I -- and from what I remember,
12 I don't think she had any problems with a particular
13 date. I think it was just a whole concept. So that's
14 why I have a problem seconding that. If she was here,
15 she would be all right with it.

16 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. All right.

17 So let's -- we have a motion on the floor.

18 MR. DACUS: I have a question.

19 MS. PENDERGRASS: Yes, sir.

20 MR. DACUS: Term of office.

21 MS. PENDERGRASS: Yes, sir.

22 MR. DACUS: I have been a member of this Board
23 for a number of years. And I think it's unfair to me to
24 have to stipulate my calls for being on the Board --
25 every two years I have to stipulate why I'm on this

1 Board. And I've been on this Board I think as long as
2 anyone, as Ms. Washington.

3 And I had received a application, and I don't
4 think -- I really don't think it's fair to me of all
5 these years every year I got to fill out a new
6 application and stipulate -- every two years stipulate
7 why I want to be on this Board. My contentment and my
8 expectation are still the same as they were 15 years
9 ago.

10 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. I think, again, that's
11 an issue that needs to be taken up with the Bylaws
12 Committee. That's not part of this motion at this
13 point. That's not germane --

14 MS. RINES: And I --

15 MR. DACUS: Well --

16 MS. PENDERGRASS: -- to this motion.

17 MS. RINES: And I will address that.

18 MR. DACUS: Okay.

19 MS. RINES: Sorry.

20 MR. DACUS: Thank you.

21 MS. PENDERGRASS: The motion on the floor is
22 the adoption of the revised bylaws that everyone has had
23 a chance to review.

24 MS. PIERCE: Call the question.

25 MS. PENDERGRASS: We have had a second to that

1 motion. I'm going to -- Is there any other discussion
2 before we call the question?

3 MS. PIERCE: Call the question.

4 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right. I'm calling the
5 question. That -- So all in favor? Please, raise of
6 hands.

7 (Board members raise their hands.)

8 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. One, two, three, four,
9 five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve,
10 thirteen.

11 MR. TISDELL: Thirteen, fourteen, fifteen.

12 MS. PENDERGRASS: Fourteen.

13 MR. MANUEL: You can't see my hand or
14 something?

15 MS. PENDERGRASS: Yeah, I thought I got you.

16 Fifteen. All right. So we have --

17 So all those opposed to that motion? How many
18 opposed? We have no abstentions. Any -- any --? We
19 have no noes. Any abstain?

20 MR. RAB MEMBER: No, no, no.

21 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. Great. Great. Okay.

22 So the motion carries and these are revised. These are
23 the current bylaws.

24 Ms. Rines, would you continue your report.

25 MS. RINES: Continuing the rest of it, the

1 question about the term limits, the reason what we
2 decided was that to make sure that people have the
3 option, although it says in the bylaws that a community
4 member can be -- oh, where is it -- it is, I know, the
5 small one. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. No. The reason
6 is -- the terms is that -- sorry.

7 Initial two-year term, and you can be a --
8 community members may remain indefinitely. But it says
9 that also reappointment of existing members will be held
10 the meeting following receipt of a member application or
11 reappointment date.

12 The only reason we determined that you need to
13 re-fill out the applications is, one, to update your
14 information as in if your phone number changed, if you
15 have an e-mail or something of that.

16 You're not necessarily -- You're basically
17 stating the same reason you -- that you're doing this is
18 that you want to, you know, help with the community. It
19 could be one sentence.

20 We are not necessarily questioning RAB members
21 that have been on here forever, which is a great thing.
22 We are happy you're still here. But we need to make it
23 the same thing for everyone. If a new person comes in
24 and fills out an application, then someone who's been
25 here after their two-year term is up needs to fill out

1 the same application for reappointment.

2 MR. DACUS: In other words, if I -- by me being
3 on the Board as long as I have, just like
4 Ms. Washington, my -- so you're telling me, every two
5 years I have to stipulate that reason why I want to be
6 on this Board?

7 MS. RINES: No, you don't have to stipulate the
8 reason why. All you need to do is just re-fill out the
9 application. That's all we're asking.

10 MS. PENDERGRASS: Same as last time.

11 MR. DACUS: Well, it stipulates -- it says that
12 I should say -- state why I want to be on the Board.
13 And the reason why I want to be on the Board, review my
14 application that I put in when I first joined this Board
15 because it's the same today as it was then.

16 MS. PENDERGRASS: Did --? Does the application
17 have a signature portion to it?

18 MS. RINES: Yes.

19 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. It would seem to me
20 that a signature on it and a phone call will eliminate
21 this whole -- this whole dilemma, because if you don't
22 want to fill it out again and Ms. Rines can take your
23 information over the phone and you just fill -- you sign
24 your name to the information is fine, then it's done.

25 I mean, does that make sense to you?

1 (Brief pause.)

2 MS. RINES: Yeah . . .

3 MS. PENDERGRASS: I mean, can we be -- can we

4 be flexible?

5 MS. RINES: Yeah, we can be flexible. I

6 just -- I just -- I don't -- Maybe we need to discuss

7 what exactly you -- that you don't want to have to put

8 back on here, and we can change the forms for a -- RAB

9 members that have been here.

10 I mean, you know, we are not -- you don't have

11 to come to the Members- -- Membership & Bylaws. You

12 don't have to say why you want to do this. You just

13 have to re-fill in the paperwork so that he have -- it's

14 administrative.

15 MR. DACUS: Why don't you word it all the

16 members update your -- your address and --

17 MS. RINES: That's -- But that's how we were

18 thinking of it. It's not -- That's -- I mean, the form

19 says state why you would consider. It didn't say that

20 you have to -- you know, each time you have to --

21 ATTENDEE: (Interrupting.)

22 MS. RINES: -- a long -- basically for a -- a

23 RAB member, it is you're updating your information.

24 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay.

25 MS. RINES: That's all we are saying.

1 MS. PENDERGRASS: That's clear.

2 Mr. Manuel?

3 MR. MANUEL: At a previous meeting, you all --

4 you also stated that -- that there was no cancellation

5 of membership as a part of this. It was more --

6 ATTENDEE: Right.

7 MR. MANUEL: -- than a update. This -- this

8 came up at a -- a meeting. I think you weren't here.

9 And they were basically talking about updating. He

10 had -- he had something else to take care of. So he

11 wasn't here.

12 MS. PENDERGRASS: All right.

13 MS. RINES: It is basically just because

14 there's -- we want to institute the two-year term. We

15 have to keep it across the board administratively for

16 everyone.

17 RAB members that are already, you know,

18 present, they just need to re-fill out their personal

19 information at the top in case anything has changed,

20 submit it before their term, and give it back to us.

21 And we do it, and then we present it again for people to

22 vote back on to go on to the RAB. That's all we need.

23 MS. PENDERGRASS: Do you have any more to your

24 report?

25 MS. RINES: No. I'm done with it.

1 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. I just want to go over
2 action items -- We need to let our reporter go. She's
3 still on the clock, and this is still on the record.
4 We want to make sure we have all the action
5 items, so I just want to make sure they're in the
6 minutes here. How many Navy families have contracted
7 diseases inside or outside the base, okay, and who was
8 handling that again?
9 MR. FORMAN: The Navy, myself.
10 MS. PENDERGRASS: The Navy? And that's Keith
11 Forman on that.
12 Check on previous fact sheet regarding
13 prevailing winds, information to make sure that there's
14 not a variation. Okay? So you all have done that, but
15 who's responsible for reporting back next week? Is that
16 Mr. DeMars?
17 MR. DeMARS: Sure.
18 MS. PENDERGRASS: Okay. I mean next month.
19 Mr. DeMars will report back.
20 How long the -- the -- yeah, how long were the
21 ships in dry dock. Okay. Who was handling that?
22 MS. RINES: That was . . .
23 MR. L. BROWN: Laurie.
24 MS. PENDERGRASS: Well, but again, we need to
25 get back to Mr. Forman. He needs to coordinate that

1 with RASO that -- how long will the ships --

2 MS. RINES: Gasconade --

3 MR. MANUEL: Last time she was here, she said

4 how long --

5 MS. PENDERGRASS: That was in the minutes -- in

6 the -- in the handouts from last meeting.

7 MR. MANUEL: At least she did say.

8 MS. PENDERGRASS: And then the Hardtack

9 Operations ships brought here.

10 MS. RINES: Were they --? Were there --?

11 What was the name of that?

12 DR. DOREMUS: Hardtack.

13 MS. PENDERGRASS: Hardtack ships brought here?

14 Do you guys know anything about that?

15 DR. DOREMUS: Check on that.

16 MR. FORMAN: Okay.

17 DR. DOREMUS: That's an action item.

18 MS. PENDERGRASS: And then -- okay. So I

19 think -- I think we are finished with that.

20 Next -- Then the next meeting we will also

21 have voting for our slate of candidates.

22 Christine, thank you.

23 I think we are adjourned. We did not have time

24 for community input at this. It's off the record, but

25 community's welcome to talk to the RAB off line.

1 We're -- we are adjourned.

2 (Off record at 8:22 p.m., 5/22/03.)

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